

## Police crackdown on gay beach

by Jim Walker  
MANAGING EDITOR

**S**acramento Police are cracking-down on nudity and sex at a popular beach frequented by gays.

Over the last month, two undercover officers patrolling the North 10th Street beach have arrested 33 people on charges of nudity or sex in a public place. Officers have also issued 10 parking citations and arrested one person on felony drug charges.

Sacramento Deputy Police Chief Lee Dohm told MGW, businesses have complained of sex acts on nearby lawns and boaters on the American River have had to go elsewhere to avoid observing homosexual sex acts.

While the beach has been a popular cruising spot for years, the problem is new as are many of the businesses.

"We don't want them out there and we really don't want to arrest them, but the business com-

munity is complaining and we've got to do something," said Dohm.

Dohm, who admitted he has not personally visited the scene, also said that condoms can often be found on the lawns of businesses, however, MGW was unable to locate any on a recent investigation.

Nearby businesses are reportedly working with police for construction of a fence across the entrance to the area, but critics say that would just move the problem. On the Friday MGW visited the beach, five men in swimsuits were observed sunbathing, however, none were engaged in sexual contact.

"Over 50 percent of the business out there is men who are married," said Dohm. "It would seem to me that the beach or restrooms would be the most dangerous place to go."

The area between the levee and the beach has dozens of intricate paths, surrounded by dens,

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## International Conference on AIDS: No big surprises from activists

by Jim Walker  
MANAGING EDITOR

**S**cientists who attended the Sixth International Conference on AIDS are calling the meeting an enormous success despite the lack of any major scientific revelation.

For many people with AIDS, however, whose lives hang in a desperate count of days, the conference was yet another disappointment — a message that activists powerfully delivered throughout the five-day meeting.

Following a two-hour march through San Francisco's financial district, nearly 1,000 AIDS activists stormed the Marriott Hotel and held a protest just hours before the conference was to begin.

The demonstrators, many of them members of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT-UP), blocked the Fourth Street entrance to the hotel where many delegates were scheduled to stay. The activists refused to disperse until people with AIDS were given free passes to the conference.

Conference organizers had said at an earlier press conference.

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AIDS activists march on San Francisco's Market Street.

Photo by Frank Martinez

## Fair celebrates the future

by Bonnie Duritsky  
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**T**he celebration began with a zany performance by Romanovsky and Phillips, a musical comedy team who sing about their lives as gay men with unprecedented honesty and an outrageous sense of humor. The show, held at the First United Methodist Church, drew over 400 people — many already R&P fans who sang along with their favorite tunes and were treated to eight new songs from Ron and Paul's upcoming album. The audience showed their appreciation to the self-appointed 'Profes-

sional Homosexuals' with a standing ovation.

Two days later came the Lambda Freedom Fair, held at McKinley Park. The day's events began with a three-mile Fun Run and a Bicycle Tour. At the starting block, the runners were lighthearted and goofed off while waiting for the race to begin but when the whistle blew, it rang with a note of seriousness that the runners heard and responded to. The race was not extremely competitive, but it was run with intensity.

The fair opened with people milling from booth to booth as each finished setting up. A wide variety of booths demonstrated the diversity of the community.

ACT-UP took advantage of the turmoil surrounding the Hyatt incident and had a 'Dunk the Hyatt Activist' dunking booth. Various religious organizations were represented, as were many political groups. Local gay artists showed their stuff at the art exhibit. Craft booths also were added this year. Rent-a-Pet, with its puppies and dogs to cuddle, was another popular booth. And innumerable kinds of foods, sponsored by local organizations, made mouths water all day long.

The theme 'Looking to the Future,' was seen everywhere. The visionary design chosen by

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## Town Council passes ACT-UP motion and considers name change

by Jim Walker  
MANAGING EDITOR

**A** special June meeting of the Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Town Council saw the passage of a motion by ACT-UP Sacramento and discussion of a possible name change for the group.

While the ACT-UP motion passed, it was not without discussion.

Jerry Sloan of the Lambda Community Fund wanted to indefinitely table the motion. Moderator Rev. Freda Smith reread the motion saying "this would be the last time this is brought up until it's brought up again."

Sloan's motion to table was defeated.

As ACT-UP Sacramento's motion was on the table, Boyce Hinman of the Lambda Letters Pro-

ject made a motion that the SGLTC not take positions.

"It seems to me, this body does make decisions. I think some sort of policy about how the Town Council speaks to the press or whatever, is necessary," said Alison Gude of the Sacramento Coalition Against Operation Rescue. "We aren't just a forum who just communicates."

"It seems to me that things were said without the approval of the council," said Joe Chase of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation as he referred to the aftermath of the March 13 protest against the Reverend Lou Sheldon. "We don't need to censor. I think it is inappropriate. If we need to distance ourselves we should do it as individuals, not as groups," he continued.

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# INS deplorable

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service's policy of not allowing people with AIDS into this country is deplorable and stands against the word of the world's scientists who have said repeatedly the virus is not transmitted via casual contact.

President Bush's granting of 10-day waivers for the Sixth International Conference on AIDS is hardly an acceptable resolution.

While Bush is taking yet another wimpy approach to a very serious legislative mistake, the real problem is the INS itself.

Besides the ban on PWAs, the INS had also threatened to invoke an archaic law barring openly gay men and lesbians from entering the U.S.

It wasn't until pressure from gay rights organizations that INS Commissioner Gene McNary said the law "possibly" should be changed.

The law concerning people with AIDS is the result of the inclusion of AIDS on a government list of communicable diseases. The June 1987 AIDS listing was followed by an amendment by Senator Jesse Helms R-NC that also barred entry of asymptomatic AIDS-infected aliens.

The 1952 law concerning gays, bolstered by a 1965 Supreme Court ruling, denies entry to people with a "psychopathic personality sexual deviation or mental defect."

Since the America Psychiatric Association removed homosexuality from its list of disorders in the later 60s, this law has no foundation in law.

It is amazing that, in a country that has put a man on the moon, we still have laws, old and new, that have no basis in fact or reason.

## One more time

While the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power may have succeeded in influencing various drug trials and some government officials, they are failing at gaining the respect of straight America.

In a recent phone conversation, my Grandma, a very progressive woman who is supportive of my goals, said she had trouble understanding why the "AIDS protesters" were protesting at the AIDS Conference. "The scientists are doing everything they can, they're only trying to help, why are they (the AIDS protesters) angry with the scientists? It seems to me they just like to protest."

ACT-UP is helping people with AIDS and getting lots of publicity, but for those of us without AIDS who must continue to live in a heterosexual society, they're not helping gay rights.

Middle America continues to perceive gay society as one big bunch of self-concerned, leather-clad malcontents continuously demanding more while ignoring the fact there are other people in America with other serious diseases such as cancer or leukemia.

We also have this little homeless problem in America.

Lots of people have lots of needs and with a government that continues to spend \$500 million per Stealth bomber for a war that will never come, money is tight.

Perhaps more money for government help for AIDS could be garnished if we appealed to middle America as ordinary people rather than creating a pseudo-violent side show for television news. — Jim Walker

## Proud of our community

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank all of the people who attended the Lambda Freedom Fair.

I volunteered my time with the stage crew, and was one of the last people to leave McKinley Park.

As I left, the grounds were immaculate. Never in my life have I seen that many people gather, and not leave a mess. I am very proud to be an active member in the gay and lesbian community.

The fair was a relatively new experience for me (I recently separated from the Air Force). I had a wonderful time and I am looking forward to participating in future community activities. I will never allow myself to be closeted again!

Michael H. Cayssials

## Reader finds columnist's humor insensitive

Dear Editor:

I would like to make a (belated) complaint about the insensitive and offensive "humor" column entitled "Insanity can be liberating" written by Cat Comiskey, which appeared in the May 15 edition of MGW.

I have to assume Comiskey has not had much exposure to mentally ill people, but I can assure her that mental illness is not entertaining or harmless. The mental health system, both at the national and state levels, is woefully inadequate. Approximately one third of Sacramento's homeless have been identified as suffering from mental illness and/or alcoholism. There is only one facility in town that will admit someone suffering from mental illness who is in a crisis without a referral. And finding an authorized person to make that referral is nearly impossible after 5pm on weekends.

I make these disparaging statements from personal experience; I spent eight hours in Sutter Memorial Hospital's emergency room attempting to have someone admitted for treatment who was hallucinating. After two days of anti-psychotic drugs, she was discharged. She spent several months at my house, still in a crisis state, with only one hour weekly visits to a county psychologist as treatment. She lost her job, and alienated many people by her bizarre, offensive, and aggressive behavior. She is struggling now to rebuild her life. Her behavior then and now is not amusing nor lighthearted. It is instead a tragic waste of intellectual ability and energy.

As a humor writer myself, I can appreciate the need to lampoon situations and people, in the interests of satire and entertainment. There's nothing wrong, actually, with occasional cheap jokes. But targeting a group of people who are often pathetic and cannot defend themselves is cruel and unnecessary.

Perhaps Comiskey may want to think more carefully about where her arrows are directed before she takes aim.

Stacy Selmants

## U.S. representative grateful for outpouring of concern

Dear Editor:

I am writing to express my deep gratitude for the outpouring of concern following the physical attack on me last week in Washington. To the scores of friends, known and unknown, who have called or written over

the last few days, I want to say a heartfelt thanks. Though bruised and sore, I am feeling much better, and cannot exaggerate how much these expressions of support have meant to me.

This crime has gotten the attention that it has because it was committed against a person already in the public eye. It is sobering to remember, however, how many people — especially gays and lesbians — must live each day with the threat of violence. There is no tangible evidence that my assault was gay-related. However, having experienced first-hand this kind of senseless attack, my empathy for the many victims of gay-bashing has grown even deeper and more personal.

The reaction of passers-by that night — to approach the scene, follow the fleeing assailants and volunteer to testify for the prosecution — speaks volumes about the best instincts of men and women of goodwill. I hope their willingness to "get involved" will serve as an example to all of us as we join together to combat such violence.

Gerry E. Studds  
Congress of the U.S.  
House of Representatives

## Journalist appreciated

Dear Editor:

Thank you for sending Kim Mecklenburg and her associate to cover our Northwest District Conference of Metropolitan Community Churches. Their professionalism was greatly appreciated and we appreciate the outstanding job they did in interviewing our people.

God bless you as you continue to serve our community.

Rev. Ed Sherriff  
Bishop  
Northwest District, UFMCC

## Professional reporter refreshing

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your coverage of our Northwest District Conference this past weekend. Your reporter, Kim Mecklenburg and her associate were most professional in their interviews. It was a pleasure to take time out from a hectic schedule to work with them. Since they covered it so well, I don't need to go into what a phenomenal success the conference was.

Rev. Freda Smith  
Pastor, River City MCC

## Reporting on AIDS is daunting challenge

Dear Editor:

Elsewhere in this issue is my piece rebutting a story done by Art Jackson of the *Latest Issue* ("Alpha Interferon provides new hope"). I have spent considerable time reflecting on this since it has not been my practice to openly criticize a fellow AIDS writer.

However, the professional responsibility which I allude to in my accompanying article on the same subject, was sadly lacking in Jackson's version. It is imperative that any subject dealing with medical/treatment issues involving HIV, be presented in a completely thoughtful, cogent, and meaningful way.

Reporting and interpreting news on AIDS developments is often a daunting challenge even to the most dedicated writer. The subject must be understood by the writer before expecting the community to comprehend its message, and derive any benefit from it — if any.

However, this is extremely complicated: the subject is often fraught with controversy, complex and confusing "facts," and usually creates contradictory "conclusions." As a medical professional for over 16 years

and a syndicated HIV writer for two, I can personally attest to the extreme difficulty reporting accurate, clear, and understandable worthwhile AIDS developments.

However, the story by *The Latest Issue* on Alpha Interferon was not judged by me to incorporate the high professional standards of unbiased, complete presentation, or thorough probing of the "true facts" behind this story. This will become fully evident after reviewing the thorough analysis I aimed for in fully covering this same subject. Incidentally, I was quite pleased to see that even MGW's HIV reporter, Sonya Cox, was quite dubious about the published report and expressed skepticism in her column when she reported about this same subject.

I further feel justified in becoming "public" about this "difference of opinion" as Art minimized my complaints as, because the flavor, tenor, and implication of the story was that this amazing story had indeed been presented fully, accurately, and balanced enough to justify its content. However, contrary to the impressions that were expressed, this is NOT a news development that lived up to the solidly-upbeat characterization and implication as put forth by *The Latest Issue*.

I have given ample opportunity to both Art, and Kate Moore, the editor, to give some thoughtful reconsideration of my viewpoints. I felt that I am qualified to raise these arguments, committed towards their advancements, and confident of their importance. However, they both took exceptional umbrage with my concerns raised, and felt they did not merit further reflection or changes.

I therefore, the story as you are to read, resulted.

It is incumbent upon every "AIDS reporter" that they do more than just merely "report" the facts; and it is imperative that the press — particularly the gay media — fulfill its commitment to their readership in bringing accurate (no matter how much of a "downer" it may be perceived) analysis of AIDS news developments.

Our community, and those dependent upon being fully informed, deserve no less.

Stephan Pardi

## Mission accomplished!!

Dear Editor:

I wanted to extend my thanks to you and the newspaper! Our delegates were delighted to receive a copy of *Mom Guess What* in their registration packets. The conference was a great success as many important topics were discussed as we came together to do the business of the district!

Also, we appreciate the fine coverage that the church has received. We believe in our mission and good things are happening out of that commitment! Thank you for helping us grow.

Kathy Ewing-Conners  
River City MCC  
Northwest District  
Conference Coordinator

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# Kim Mueller first speaker in the "new" River City Democratic Club

by Jim Walker  
MANAGING EDITOR

**S**acramento City Councilwoman Kim Mueller was the first speaker at what River City Democratic Club President Karl Greene called an "experimental" new format for the club.

Greene said Mueller would be the first elected official from Sacramento to march in the 1990

Mueller encouraged Sacramento gays to be active in labor union contract negotiations this year. "There are a lot of issues in the contract negotiations dealing with benefits and bereavement leave," she said. "This would be a good time to ask the unions to consider increased benefits."

The tall, slender, attractive woman also talked about city-county consolidation and what it might mean to gays.

She explains consolidation

their efforts toward a particular city councilperson.

Mueller also reiterated her support for the democratic party and outlined ways gays can be powerful in local government. "Issues should be primary. When officials don't vote with you, let them know why you're not voting for them. I think the Democratic party is going to be with you more often than the Republican party," said Mueller.

"Don't assume. For many

on the recent increase of gay bashings in the downtown area.

Don Souza, who represents a neighborhood group on a police advisory board in gay-supporting councilwoman Heather Fargo's District, said Chief Jack Kearns has told him the gay community is partly to blame for not reporting or inaccurately reporting reporting gay bashings.

Others at the meeting said victims, embarrassed by being taken advantage of, are often not in a position where they feel police would be understanding.

The other problem Souza readily identified is that skinheads are permeating Sacramento. Souza said he has asked for more police visibility on Friday and Saturday nights on 20th Street between J and Capitol.

Mueller said additional police protection can often be obtained by tying development approvals to additional funds for services the project will require.

The councilwoman went on to outline her other ideas, including:

- Increased support of pedestrian and mass transit.
- More affordable housing.
- Support of the arts.
- Increased exposure of low income youth to the arts.
- Neighborhood emphasis on problems.

As for her personal political future, Mueller says she will run in 1992 for Assemblyman Lloyd Connolly's seat if he seeks Congressman Bob Matsui's seat, if Matsui decides not to seek reelection.

Later in the meeting, RCDC Secretary John Linder was appointed by Greene to discuss the "new" RCDC format with members.

Suggestions included putting committee reports into the newsletter and placing much of the organization's internal operation into open executive committee meetings.

The group also suggested less parliamentary procedure would be employed in order to include those who don't necessary understand the process but want to get involved.

The next RCDC meeting is scheduled for July 17 at 6:30pm. ■



Councilwoman Kim Mueller speaks to those gathered at the Hyatt Rally against Rev. Lou Sheldon. Photo by Melba Duncan

San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade.

Born and raised in Iowa, Mueller worked on campaigns there before moving to Davis where she began working with a grass-roots anti-toxics group that eventually forced the Department of Food and Agriculture to loosen restrictions on the release of records for study.

Mueller related her experience with the toxics group to the gay community. "On the way over here, I was thinking about the way our campaign utilized people and I see that as your real strength," she said.

"The kinds of things you're interested in doing have always been the things that I've felt are right," said Mueller.

Mueller said local government is "sympathetic" to gay concerns and that a continued show of strength like the Lambda Freedom Fair will help members know the gay community's presence.

"You don't need thousands of dollars to buy your way into politicians' fundraisers. Any politician worth their weight will have some events you can attend," said Mueller. "People resources are your real strength."

She also talked about domestic partners legislation, an issue that San Francisco Supervisor Harry Britt plans to have back on the ballot in San Francisco next November. "I know the domestic partners legislation has been a high priority for you — the domestic partners legislation that was defeated in San Francisco. My guess is that you're right to hold off for a while and see what happens in San Francisco (before proposing domestic partners in Sacramento)," said Mueller.

would create much larger districts and that the change could bring better transportation and environmental improvements, but might also be a loss of the city's more "progressive" government.

Mueller said she was also worried that the new district lines might divide communities. The last time lines were drawn there were complaints that the Meadowview area and Lavender Heights were divided down the middle, making it difficult for blacks and gays to concentrate

years, the Democratic party has assumed labor is with them — they've taken it for granted," she said. "Cooperation is a two-way street."

She also commented that the RCDC had a "good mix of men and women" and that a gay and lesbian organization should "make certain both men and women are involved in the process."

Part of the evening was devoted to listening to members talk about various problems and concerns, most of which focused

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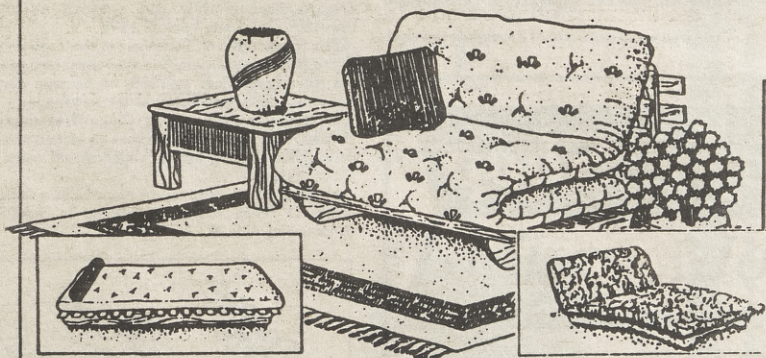
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by Sonya Cox  
OF MGW STAFF

## Heat treatment...

A risky and experimental procedure to see if the HIV virus dies when exposed to heat is now being tried on PWAs. A 33-year-old waiter named Carl Crawford had his blood recycled outside his body for two hours at 108 degrees — a temperature high enough to kill other viruses and diseases — while a special cooling system protected his brain. A second person with AIDS (PWA) recently underwent the procedure, with his blood being heated to 112 degrees for three hours. The Atlanta hospital conducting these tests may soon lose its license — "because of these tests," they say; because of numerous other violations, say Georgia health officials. Actress Jill Ireland underwent a similar procedure, with rods penetrating her chest and heating her blood to 160 degrees, prior to her recent death from cancer. Doctors say total body hyperthermia has helped in certain forms of cancer, but results have typically been for only a month or two. Crawford's treatment took place February 20, and he says all KS lesions remain gone and there is no sign of HIV in his body. The procedure costs about \$30,000. Sacramento physicians say heat therapy may prove to be a viable therapy in ridding peripheral cells of HIV, thus allowing a decreased viral burden in the body, but many cells in the body (such as in the gastro-intestinal tract or in nerves) cannot be heated without being destroyed. (For our readers who like to experiment with new ideas, DON'T try this one at home in the hot tub!)

## AIDS ad causes subway debate...

An ad showing a man naked to the waist and advocating the use of condoms ("The man of my dreams is a rubberman") has stirred debate over what is acceptable in San Francisco's Muni subway stations. Most officials want the AIDS Foundation poster campaign continued; Public Utilities Commission General Manager Thomas Elzey says he's simply proposing that the commission "determine whether or not it is an appropriate ad for Muni Metro."

## AIDS in babies...

Scientists are reporting new evidence that antibodies (present from the body's natural response to stimulate protective antibodies to fight germs and illness (do apparently prevent transmission of the AIDS virus from mother to fetus. This could lead to creation of a test to determine which pregnant women have these antibodies and opens a new avenue of research into development of a vaccine to supplement or encourage the production of these antibodies. The research has been in response to the question of why some babies born to infected women develop AIDS and some do not.

## Plasma transfusions...

State regulators have given conditional approval to begin human tests on an experimental AIDS therapy that transfuses plasma from healthy people with HIV into PWAs who are sick. A patent dispute has been holding up the experiments for months. 225 volunteers will now receive Passive Hyperimmune Therapy. HIV infected plasma from donors will be transfused to see if their blood contains antibodies that will go to work in the bodies of people whose antibodies are no longer successfully fighting off the virus. Under the rules, PWAs will receive treated plasma once a month, but one-third will get a placebo. Results will be examined after six months. After this time, if the treatment appears to be working, those on the placebo will be given the real plasma. A real ethics concern with this approach is the fact that not much attention seems to have been given yet to the possible effect on the donor, as he depletes his immune system month after month of his own remaining antibodies.

## John Hopkins vaccine..

Researchers are saying that their genetically engineered HIV vaccine triggers, in healthy human volunteers, killer immune cells that seek

out and destroy infected cells. This is the first vaccine to be approved by FDA for human testing.

## Some of those we've lost...

Dan Turner, 42, who had the distinction of being able to fight full-blown AIDS longer than anyone else — over eight years — passed away last month. Dan helped found the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, the People with AIDS support group, and the San Francisco AIDS Switchboard. Brian Corbell, 28, died in early June. Brian gained notoriety years ago at his junior prom, where he wore a prom gown, and which he attended with a broken jaw as the result of a gay-bashing attack a week earlier.

## ACT-UP credited...

Political pressure from AIDS patient activist groups such as ACT-UP is credited with getting the drug DDC cleared through the Food and Drug Administration. DDC manufacturer Hoffmann-LaRoche got FDA clearance to provide the drug free to people who can't tolerate AZT or DDI under the parallel track compassionate use program, because it will take them at least six months before it's ready to officially apply to FDA for DDC approval. All three drugs appear to prolong the lives of PWAs by interfering with the enzyme that allows the virus to replicate. All have side effects: AZT can deplete bone marrow, causing severe anemia; DDI can cause life-threatening inflammation of the pancreas in some people; and both DDI and DDC often cause nerve damage in hands and feet. Recent research has shown that DDC is still effective at much lower doses that greatly reduce the side effects.

## Anemia progress...

A synthetic kidney hormone appears to be able to correct anemia in some PWAs. The hormone, erythropoietin, prods bone marrow cells to produce red blood cells and may benefit a minority of people suffering from effects of AZT.

## Herpes control...

The drug foscarnet has been shown to control herpes simplex infection, a common disorder in PWAs. It's proving effective in people becoming resistant to acyclovir, the current herpes drug of choice.

## More federal funding...

A huge grant program in the works from the Federal Government would provide additional funding to cities in the country with a total of more than 700 AIDS cases. (California recipients include Los Angeles, with 8200 cases; San Francisco, with 7,400 cases; and Oakland, with 1,400 cases. Sacramento currently has 170 people with AIDS.) Applicants for the grant money, however, must be able to describe a two-to-three year strategy for decreasing their reliance on federal support and increasing the proportion of state and local funds. The House version calls for a \$4 billion relief measure: 16 cities would be eligible for \$137 million a year in direct aid, and an equal amount by competitive application. A more modest Senate version authorized \$2.9 billion, with about \$300 million a year going to 13 cities. President Bush says he may veto these measures if they're not scaled down, saying the cost is excessive. The high margin of support in both the Senate and the House, however, may make the bill veto-proof, but the White House says they'll wait and see, and then make a judgment.

Thank you to Dr. Bary Siegel for his medical oversight of this column, and to Dr. Elizabeth Harrison for her continual contributions to its content.

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## Pauline Frederick

Pauline Frederick, a longtime radio and television news analyst of world affairs and one of the first women in broadcasting, died of a heart attack in early May.

Frederick, 84, achieved eminence when her field was virtually closed to women. She was an NBC correspondent, covering the United Nations for 21 years following years of service in the same capacity with ABC.

Sacramento State Communication Studies Instructor and former broadcaster Lee Nichols worked with Frederick years ago and told one of his classes, after learning of her death, that she was a "wonderful, infinitely competent, human being."

After retiring from NBC in 1974, she commented on public affairs for National Public Radio.

At one point, Frederick had her own news program on all three networks.

During her years of reporting, she covered the Nuremberg trials of Nazi war criminals, conferences of foreign ministers in New York and Paris, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Korean War and many other historic world events.

Frederick was also the first woman to moderate a presidential debate when she took to the podium between Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter in 1976.

## Dan Turner

Dan Turner, whose eight-year battle with AIDS made him a symbol of hope for many, died on Monday, June 4 at the age of 42.

Turner contracted the disease at a time when it was known only as "gay cancer." He was purported to be one of the longest living people with AIDS.

He helped found the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the People with AIDS Switchboard. During his last years, Turner also lectured on how to live productively with AIDS.

An accomplished playwright, actor and composer, Turner credited his creative work with helping him stay alive.

## Richard E. Thomason

A Christian Burial was held for Richard "Rick" Earl Thomason recently at the Sacred Heart Church in Sacramento. Military graveside services were also held at East Lawn Memorial.

Thomason died in early June of heart failure at his home at the age of 40.

Born in Miami, he moved to the Sacramento area with his parents at the age of 2. He graduated from Placer High School in Auburn and Sierra College in Rocklin.

After serving in the Navy during the Vietnam War, he attended the University of North Carolina and later worked at a North Carolina country club as a manager.

He returned to Sacramento and was one of the first employees of Arco Arena.

While in North Carolina, he was active with Special Olympics as a coach.

Thomason is survived by mother, Helen C. Thomason and brother, John A. Thomason Jr., both of Sacramento.

## Guy Paulin

Guy Paulin, a French fashion designer who gained prominence in the 1970s with his fishnet knitwear, died June 14 of an AIDS-related illness at the age of 44.

He began his fashion career at Printemps Department Store at age 17 as a salesman.

He later designed as an assistant for Dorothee Bis and with a group called Paraphernalia. He introduced his own collections in the early 80s.

## Edward Campbell IV

An actor and dancer on Broadway, Edward Campbell IV, made his debut in the musical *Black and Blue* and had performed in it until last April when illness forced him to retire. Campbell died recently of acquired immune deficiency syndrome in a private Los Angeles Hospital at the age of 33.

Campbell was a graduate of Brockport University

and had toured Europe in productions of *Bubbling Brown Sugar* and *Hair*, as well as the national companies of *Harlem Suite*, *Sophisticated Ladies* and *My One and Only*.

He is survived by his parents, Edward III and Emma; a sister Tracy; a brother, Darrin and his grandmothers, Addie Hutchins and Vivian Campbell.

## John Brownwell

John Brownwell, the youngest journalist in the history of the *Los Angeles Times* to become a top newsroom executive, died of complications from AIDS at the age of 33.

At his death, Brownwell was deputy managing editor in charge of the newspaper's polling operations.

Born in St. Charles, Minnesota, Mr. Brownwell began in newspapers as a copy editor at the *Chicago Tribune* while still a senior at Northwestern University back in 1978.

The following year, he began at the copy desk of the *Milwaukee Journal* and later that same year, the *Minneapolis Star*. In 1980, he became news editor and telegraph editor at the newspaper.

In 1983, he became *The Times'* Washington Bureau Assignment Editor where he helped determine the dozens of stories which would carry a *Times'* byline.

In 1986, he returned to Los Angeles as a senior editor of *Times Magazine*, helping to redefine content and style.

## Fund established to benefit AIDS programs

The Atherton Hotel in San Francisco has established a \$3,000 fund to be distributed to Project Open Hand, Morning Glory House and San Francisco General's AIDS Hospital Clinic.

Morning Glory House is a licensed foster home in Santa Rosa caring for abandoned children who have AIDS. Project Open Hand provides freshly prepared meals and delivers them to AIDS and ARC patients. The AIDS Hospital Clinic at San Francisco General is directed by Dr. Paul Volberding.

## Hand to Hand needs volunteers

Placer AIDS Foundation is recruiting volunteers for their Hand to Hand volunteer program. Training will be held on August 4, 5, 11, 12 in conjunction with Sierra AIDS Foundation in Grass Valley.

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# AIDS vigil — a unifying experience

by Kim Mecklenburg  
OF MGW STAFF

The 90's AIDS vigil began with the lighting of the Vigil Candle and Rev. Dr. Steven Pieters, the Fellowship Director of AIDS Ministries, was the keynote speaker for the service.

Pieters, from Los Angeles, was diagnosed in 1982 with AIDS. "I am constantly amazed at the quality of life I have experienced since being diagnosed with AIDS — even when I was desperately ill." Pieters is in remission, and according to his physician, he is "clinically well in all respects."

The annual AIDS vigil began in 1984 at the San Diego Metropolitan Community Church. In 1987 the UFMCC decided that member churches worldwide, would sponsor a service every year until a cure for AIDS is found.

This is Sacramento MCC's fourth annual vigil — the first one to include churches outside of the MCC Fellowship.

The purpose behind the vigil is to disseminate information into the greater Sacramento County to aid in consciousness-raising and Rev. Freda Smith added "to challenge religious organizations throughout this area to what their responsibilities should be in this age of AIDS."

Three panel discussions were organized; Persons Living with AIDS, People of Color with AIDS, and Parents of Persons with AIDS, all facilitated by Ron Hatch, host of cables *Being Gay Today*.

## Progressive forces in Episcopal Church unite to support ordaining lesbians and gays

A group from a wide range of social justice ministries have joined together in an effort to let the Episcopal Church's hierarchy know that the ordination of known lesbians and gay men has long occurred in the church and should continue. The group, calling itself the Task Force for Continuing Lesbian/Gay Ordination, is composed of members of the Episcopal Women's Caucus, Integrity, the Urban Caucus and other groups which have traditionally worked together at General Conventions, the Episcopal Church's triennial governing assembly.

The Task Force's goal is to collect signatures from bishops, priests and laypersons who have participated in ordinations of openly lesbian and gay persons or would be willing to do so. These signatures will be submitted to the Church's House of Bishops at its annual meeting in September. Another group, Episcopalians United for Revelation, Renewal, and Reformation, has submitted 3100 signatures opposing the ordination of an openly gay man in the Diocese of Newark last December and call-

The panel discussion on People of Color with AIDS sparked controversy when participants voiced their concern over separating the AIDS issue into white/non-white categories. Rev. Sonia Simms, River City MCC, believes that "when we separate it out, we continue to point out institutional racism which will point toward the direction that people of color, whether they be Hispanic or Native Indian and anybody other than whites, the negative aspects of those races instead of the positive aspects." In disagreement, Rev. Smith stated that "if you don't have your own identity, what happens is that nobody sees you, you're the hidden minority, you're the one that doesn't have a focus of attention ... and the information is not given to these communities."

Along with the panels were four workshops; Medical Update, by Dr. Jeff Payne of the Sierra Medical Group; Alternative Treatments by Dr. Payne and Stefan Pardi; IV Drugs and HIV, by Guillermo Acuna, community health educator with the Sacramento AIDS Foundation; and Ministering to Persons with AIDS by Rev. Pieters and Woody White, facilitator for Diablo Valley AIDS Center.

Rev. Pieters also addressed the Lambda Freedom Day Fair "talking about my own story, I want to create hope for people diagnosed-dying-grieving. To encourage people to believe that they too can be a long term survivor ... 20 percent of all people with AIDS are living five years or longer." He is, however,

"frustrated by hearing of promising treatments like the hyperthermia treatment which the government is pooh-poohing because it wasn't done by them."

Pieters joins the UFMCC in solidarity with the African and European nations in boycotting the AIDS conference held in San Francisco.

The RCMCC hosted a musical written by Denny Hammond. Directed by Wanda Ford, the cast of 25 performed "A Tribute to You," a story about a young man's coming out, falling in love, contracting AIDS, confronting his family and his religious beliefs.

To close the vigil, a candlelight procession was held in Oak Park with members walking to the stage where the names of people that have died from AIDS were read aloud along with those living with AIDS.

Rev. Smith stated "Our commitment is to being a powerful force against AIDS, to being a powerful source in raising the consciousness of this community ... to confronting churches with what needs to be the loving compassionate, spiritual answer. This is not going to stop here. This has just been a point where we've recharged our batteries — we're coming out of this stronger than we came into it and we're going to continue on." ■

## Gay Jehovah Witnesses meet

Reach Out!, of Portland, Oregon, will host a one-day conference on Saturday, August 25. The members of "A Common Bond," based near Pittsburgh, will meet on Saturday, September 15 in Houston, Texas. Both groups are support networks for gay and lesbian ex-Jehovah's Witnesses.

For information: Reach Out!, Box 1173 Clackamas, OR 97015; or "A Common Bond," Box 405 Ellwood City, PA 16117. ■

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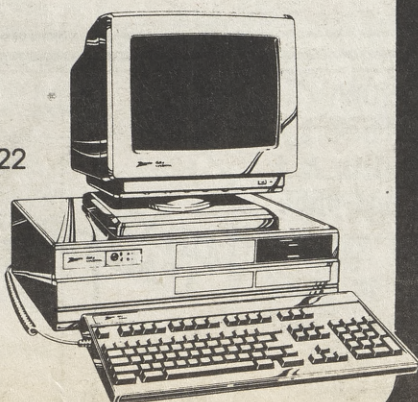
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# 4th of July explosions make it biggest pet-runaway day of the year

What's the one day a year when more dogs will get lost, be killed, have glum adventures, go into their anxiety howl than any other? It's the Fourth of July. Famous for the celebration of freedom and firecrackers — ferocious in its toll on pets.

If you're in firecracker country, or just in an area where the Fourth means drums and pounding and wild goings-on, there's an excellent chance that the explosions or commotion of a noisy Fourth will put the family dog in an anxious frenzy. Veterinarians and shelters will confirm that runaways come to a peak on the Fourth. The runaways are sometimes never recovered.

Suggestions for pet owners who want to have their pets on July 5th:

- 1) Plan a Fourth that includes the pets. They're probably used to shrieks and shouts from youngsters, they're not used to explosions, so stay in a quiet place where there won't be any.
- 2) Even if you feel you've isolated the pet from the havoc, be sure the dog has a closed door that prevents the getaway run. Give him food, water, affection — and a place impossible to escape from.
- 3) Take a tip from API and put your family pets in the Pet Wash system so that, if you lose them or they're stolen on the Fourth or any other day, you have a recovery chance.

Pet Watch means: using an imprint tattoo which puts an unobtrusive and permanent identity mark on your pet. The tattoo must employ the same number as police and sheriff's departments advise in Neighborhood Watch programs as a way to identify valuable possessions. The number varies from state to state but is either a social security number or a driver's license number.

Send a note and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to API, Box 22505, Sacramento, CA 95822. Then API will send you your present: a safeguard sticker for your home letting anyone who's in the dog-thief business know that your pets are tattooed and protected. Keeps pet thieves off — and is a good reminder for all who see it that pets need protecting. ■

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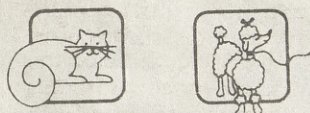
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by Sonya Cox  
OF MGW STAFF

**"F**inally! A book that answers all the questions you have about HIV disease in a nutshell ... the only place you can find a synopsis of all the best writers, with the latest available information, under one cover," says one reader of the new self-care manual recently released by the Sacramento AIDS Foundation.

"HIV: From A to Z" is an incredibly explicit and informative document, developed by Sacramentans for the thousands of HIV positive individuals in the northern California region. The 200-page manual covers the critical concerns of individuals from all ethnic groups and all risk categories.

Written under the auspices of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation with funding made possible through a grant from the Sierra Foundation, the manual is one of the most comprehensive ever assembled on the subject of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). The book is written by local

community activists including Patty Blomberg (who directed the project), Dr. Sandy Pomerantz, Stu Wein, Sonya Cox, Ellen Fishman, Art Jackson, Tracy McBroom, Cynthia Jansson, Dr. Neil Flynn, Joe Chase, Lu Agosta, and over 20 other northern California writers.

At the recent kick-off reception for the publication at the Michael Himovitz Gallery, originals of the artwork depicted in the manual were auctioned off, raising \$16,000 for the Foundation.

The self-help manual contains nine chapters, offering advice and personal stories on

(1) Dealing with a Positive Diagnosis;

(2) Relationships: Loving Yourself, Others, and Your Community;

(3) Medical and Treatment Issues;

(4) Whole Body Health;

(5) Inner Health;

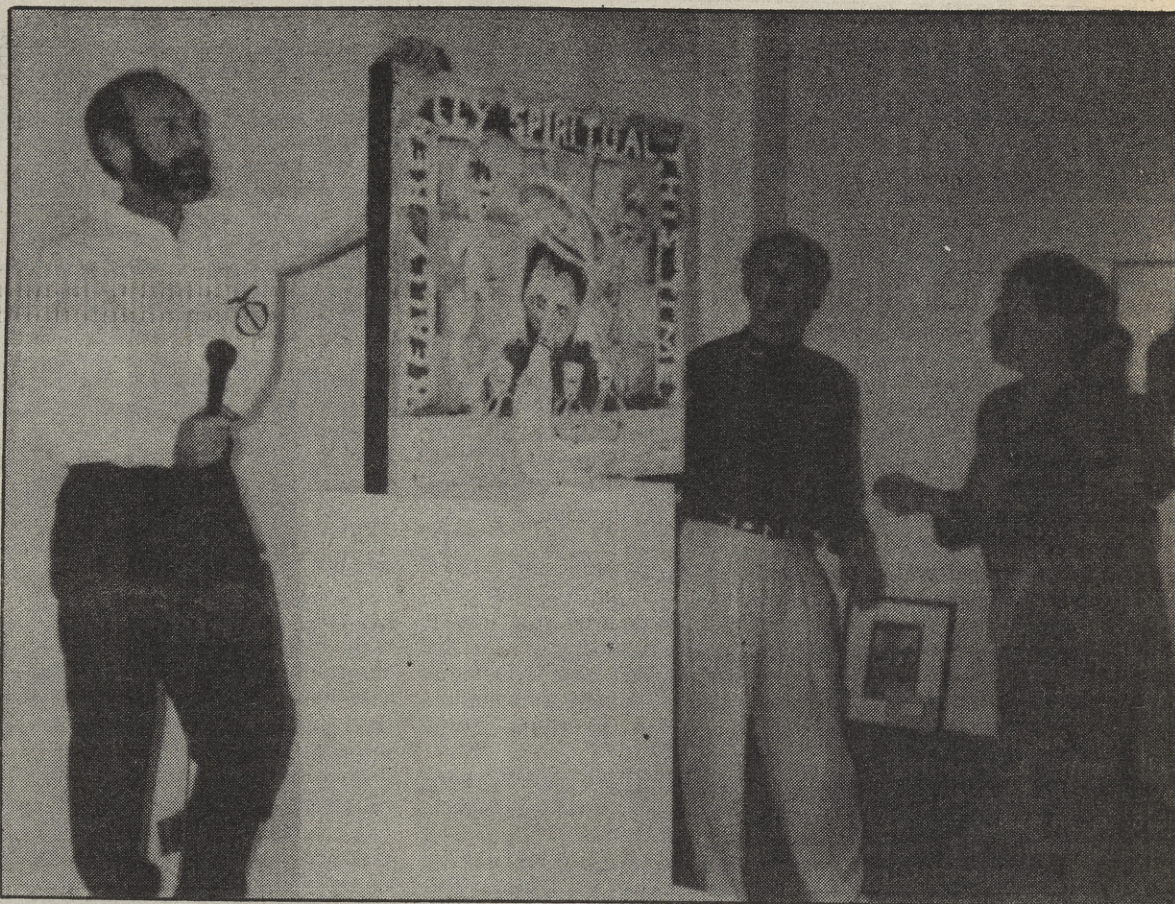
(6) IV Drug Concerns;

(7) Legal Issues;

(8) Speaking Out;

(9) Resources: Where to Get More Help; A Glossary of All Terms and Index.

The manual is available at the



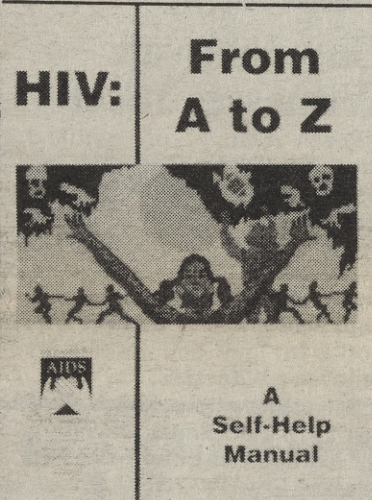
Michael Himovitz and Charles Miller auction off one of the paintings at Artist Response to AIDS: HIV A to Z. The art auction raised nearly \$16,000.  
Photo by Linda Birner

AIDS Foundation (1900 K Street, Suite 201) and will soon be available at local HIV test sites, patient care clinics, drug-user

behavior change groups, and family support groups.

A contribution is requested for each copy; most people thus far


have donated between \$12 and \$25 for the document. It will be given free to anyone who needs the information ■



Members of the staff that worked on the manual. Photo by Linda Birner



Editor Patty Blomberg and Sam Schuchat of AIDS Foundation.



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# Public television examines life of a transsexual

by Matthew Kennedy  
OF MGW STAFF

**P**.O.V. is a critically acclaimed television series featuring independent nonfiction films. Each film confronts provocative topics in harmony with P.O.V.'s mission of "bringing home the theme of media and democracy."

On Tuesday, July 3, *Metamorphosis: Man into Woman* will air on PBS. It tells the story of Gary, a 39-year-old animation artist who decides to undergo the lengthy and painful process of becoming a woman.

Gary is not gay, as a man he summarizes his dilemma in lovemaking: "It's not her body I'm making love to, it's mine ... My fantasy is being a woman loved by a man."

As a devout Christian, Gary overcomes self-doubt and fear that "all of this is against God. I don't know if I can be a good Christian and change my sex." The support of a lively therapy group, and later his mother, sustain him.

The film follows Gary from parties to doctors' offices to work to the bedroom. The camera, in fact, follows him almost everywhere and becomes his companion and confidant as he undergoes facial surgery, a new hairstyle, electrolysis, cross-dressing and hormone injections that develop his breasts. The result is Gabi. Her triumph, years

after beginning the transition, is a reconciliation with her mother and acceptance and affection found at her 20th high school reunion.

Financial problems and religious misgivings have prevented Gabi from undergoing the final surgery as of March 1990, although she presents herself very much as a woman.

*Metamorphosis: Man into Woman* captures Gabi's enormous courage and humor. The movie does not sensationalize

nor is it judgmental. The greatest accomplishment of this movie is its intimacy; Gabi graciously opens her heart to the camera. In the process much is learned about gender roles in our society and "gender dysphoria," a condition in which a person feels trapped in the body of the opposite sex.

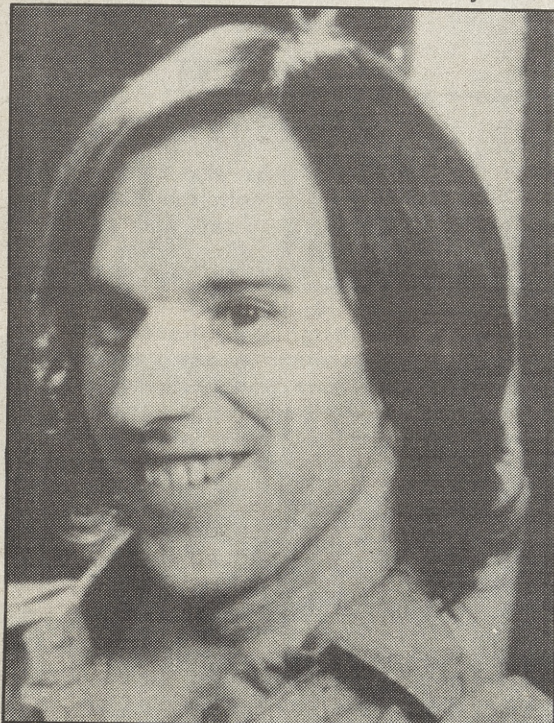
Director Lisa Leeman, in a forward to the movie, tells of Gabi striving to be feminine in dress and behavior while so many women shirk such gender

stereotypes. Several women at work show intolerance to Gabi and her emerging femininity. But she pursues her dream, and the extended filming (*Metamorphosis* covers three years) results in a remarkable document of change.

Despite Gabi's numerous obstacles, she remains dedicated to her quest: "I believe in what I'm doing, I'm proud of myself for this decision in my life," she says. "And I'm not going to let anything take me back at all." Kudos are due Lisa Leeman and

producer Claudia Hoover for perseverance in making this movie that nearly rivals Gabi's perseverance to be a woman.

Major funding was provided by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the National Endowment for the Arts, and public television stations. Check television listings for exact air time. ■



Before



After

## MGW PALATE

### Tasting the Tango

by Denise Passarelli  
OF MGW STAFF

**T**ango, opened in mid-March and owned by Pava's restaurateurs Carol Vail, Jane Starratt, and silent partner Oliver Jackson, is a slightly updated version of its elder sister on K Street. Decorated in muted shades of mauve, grey and white with good original art gracing its walls, the eatery, located at 1315 21st Street, is a stylish yet comfortable place in which to enjoy a meal.

After we were seated, our waiter presented us with the wine list, a respectable selection of Italian and local vintages from the Napa-Sonoma area, including Merlot, Gewurtztraminer, Pinot Noir and White Zinfandel. I selected a glass of White Zinfandel, which was well-chilled.

However, the edible part of our meal started off on the wrong foot. Our complimentary bread was cold sourdough, accompanied by a few Greek olives.

For appetizers, my dinner partner ordered oysters on the half shell, which came surrounded with ice and lemon wedges. In her opinion, the oysters were fresh and flavorful.

My appetizer was a potpourri of mussels, clams, shrimp and a crab claw in a mildly seasoned broth with a thin slice of toasted french bread and dressing. The dressing tended to mask the taste of the seafood with a combination of garlic and white wine.

Next in line were our salads, a colorful combination of butter lettuce and radicchio topped with fresh grated parmesan and a somewhat tasteless vinaigrette.

For her entree, my dining partner ordered the fresh shellfish steamed in wine and garlic and I ordered angel hair pasta with

sundried tomatoes and halibut and salmon sausage. Both entrees were a disappointment for a variety of reasons. The shellfish entree was exactly the same dish, with the same proportions of clams, mussels, etc. as my appetizers. The only differences between my appetizer and her entree were the green salad and the \$6 jump in price.

My entree, although potentially tasty when I read it on the menu, ended up being a dish that one would undoubtedly have to acquire a taste for, like horsemeat pate, for example. When our waiter set the dish in front of me, the first thing I noticed about this ill-fated meal was the smell, a cross between garlic and bad fish. But just to be fair, I gave it a chance. The pasta, which should have been cooked al dente, was mushy and tasteless. And the sausage, a combination of halibut, salmon and pork with a little carrot and basil for seasoning, was overwhelmingly rubbery and just too odoriferous. In short, I couldn't stand it.

In a courteous effort to prevent me from leaving the restaurant dissatisfied, he brought me the menu again and let me order a different entree.

To round out the meal, we had to order dessert, which was a lovely concoction called Diva's Dream. For chocolate lovers, this is a cake to die for. It consisted of a moist chocolate and buttercream layer cake topped with a dark chocolate glaze and a Grand Marnier truffle. Heavenly!

I would recommend Tango to anyone wanting good service, a pleasant atmosphere, and very good food, once they get it right. Bon appetit.

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# Buy or rent?

by Catherine Whitney, EA  
OF MGW STAFF

**T**he purchase of a personal residence can be the best investment that you make in your lifetime, but in some circumstances this may not be true. With the price of houses rising so rapidly in many parts of the country, many people are having trouble even qualifying for a home loan. The median price range for homes in metropolitan areas of California, such as San Francisco and Los Angeles, has gone off the charts. In some of the more depressed areas of the United States the price of homes has dropped below what people have paid for their house and there is no longer a market when it comes time to sell. In the Sacramento area the housing picture is not as bleak, but there are still circumstances where it is better to rent than it is to buy. It costs money to buy or sell a home. You have to take into consideration loan fees, Realtor commissions, and escrow fees. If you are in a situation where you do not plan to stay in your home very long, say three to five years, you may be better off renting. Our society has become so mobile and international, that you may be asked to move many times over the life of your career, especially if you wish to advance

in your company. If you own a home, the decision to move to accept a promotion becomes more complicated. If you live in an area like Sacramento, you will probably have no trouble selling your home, but if you move to an area with depressed real estate prices you may have adverse tax consequences. The government allows you to defer gain on the

sale of your personal residence, but only if you buy a higher priced house. So you have to consider all the costs involved in home ownership before you decide whether to buy or rent. You should actually take a look at the costs, your life situation and your career path before you make a decision on renting or owning. ■

## Refinancing your mortgage

by Catherine Whitney, EA  
OF MGW STAFF

**O**ver the past two years interest rates have stayed fairly constant. If the economy stays sluggish, we may see an easing in interest rates and people will again consider the refinancing of their home mortgage. Is this a smart move financially? While this depends on your particular circumstance, there are certain rules of thumb in refinancing. Things to consider are:

- 1) Your current interest rate on your existing mortgage and the rate you could get by refinancing. For the most part, you should consider refinancing if there is at least a two percent difference between your current interest rate and the interest rate for a new mortgage. Most lenders say this is the spread necessary before it pays to refinance. But if you follow this advice, you may pass up a chance to save money. According to James Follain, director of the office of real estate research at the University of Illinois, refinancing can be advantageous when the interest rate spread between the old and new mortgage is only three quarters of a percentage point, if your tax bracket is 28 percent and you plan to live in your house for at least another eight years. This example assumes the borrower pays 2.5 percentage points on a 30-year mortgage, plus a \$200 application fee. The following chart was developed by Mr. Follain for calculating if a refinance is worthwhile.

Minimum difference in percentage points needed to save on a refinancing

Expected length of residence	Points charged for new mortgage		
	1.00	2.50	5.00
2 years	2.40	3.40	5.00
8 years	.50	.75	1.25
15 years	.25	.40	.70

- 2) How long do you plan to stay in your home? It will take two to three years to recover your costs of refinancing.
- 3) Are there any prepayment penalties on your existing mortgage?

If you do decide to refinance, it is a very good idea to shop around and compare a number of lenders. They offer a variety of fees and points. To calculate the cost of refinancing, subtract the potential new payment from your existing payment. Then divide the other fees charged by the monthly savings to determine the number of months it will take refinancing to pay off. Looking at these numbers is the best way to see if refinancing is for you. ■

## RCDC holds first annual garage sale

On Saturday, July 14 from 8am to 4pm, River City Democratic Club (RCDC) is holding its first annual "Sizzling Summer Slightly-Used Stuff Sale" at 2112 F Street.

The sale promises to be the event of the day, replete with fun, food, "good junk," fabulous bargains, incredible items and a wonderful opportunity to meet friends.

Items may be donated for the sale by contacting Sonny Helm at 925-4667. Large contributions will be picked up on July 7.

The next meeting of RCDC is Thursday, July 19, 6:30pm at the Lambda Community Center. The featured speaker is Arlo Smith, Democratic candidate for State Attorney General. For details call Karl Greene at 927-2029. ■

## COUNCIL

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MGW was also part of the discussion, criticized at length by Everett Denman, who said the April 15 headline "Town Council angry at ACT-UP," led to an article in the *Sacramento Bee* highlighting dissension in Sacramento's gay community. Denman also said his motion would allow the SGLTC to "correct" the front page of *MGW*.

"I'm sick of hearing *Mom Guess What* say this was an ACT-UP motion. It's really pissing me off that they totally ignore the other groups — it's being sexist," said Gude.

"This motion calls for a kind of unity that we're never going to have," said Alan Lofaso of the River City Democratic Club.

"I think there will be times when it will be necessary for the SGLTC to take a position on issues," said Chase.

Denman responded by asking "Does this group oppose gay bashing? Does this group support increased AIDS funding?"

Vice-moderator Lou Camera called the motion not to take positions "avoidance" and "an easy way out."

The motion by ACT-UP Sacramento, stating in part: "In statements to the press and general public, the Town Council shall endeavor to express the unity of Sacramento's Lesbian and Gay Community," passed.

Following the vote, Sloan presented a motion to change the

name of the Town Council to the "Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Town Forum." Discussion followed, some saying it could add to the perception that the SGLTC is continually making mistakes or a name change might confuse people. Peter Schwehn of Sacramento's Delta Lambda Phi, felt "It would look bad to the community. Like 'they screwed up again and are trying to cover it up.'"

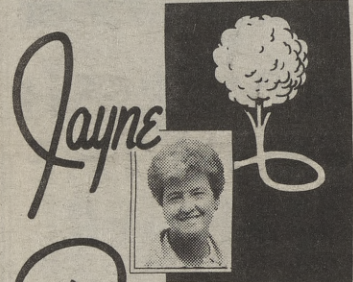
There was also concern that those interested in changing the name were also those interested in changing the purpose.

Following strict clarification that the purpose statement would not be changed, the group voted to establish a committee to study possible name changes.

The SGLTC also voted to perform elections by acclamation since there was only one contested office. Leanna Anderson of the Restoration Church was elected secretary over Jenifer Lucas of SACAOR.

The next meeting of the SGLTC is Wednesday, August 15 at 6:30pm. ■

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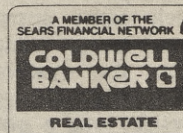
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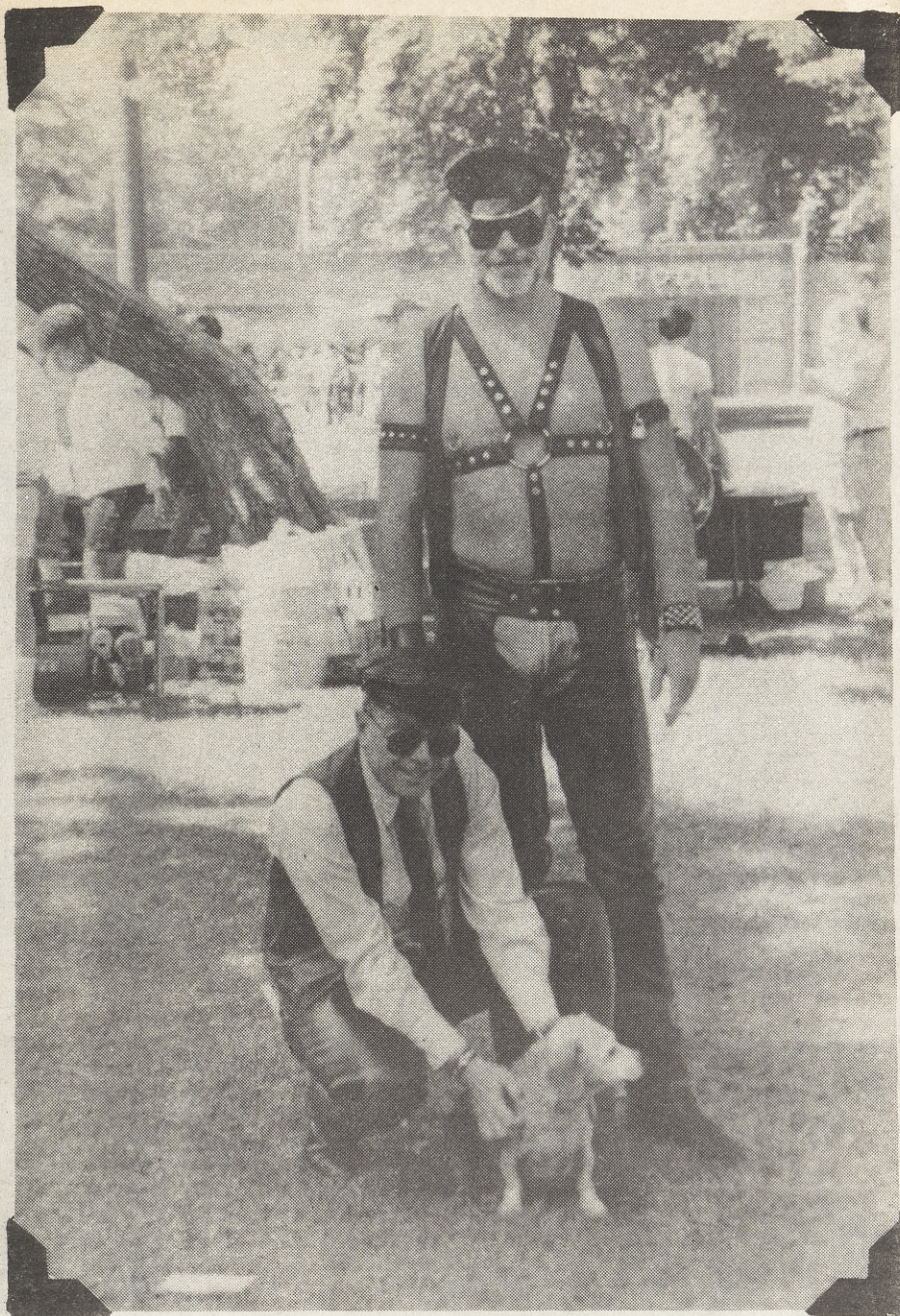
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# “Children” at the fair



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Leather and fur at the fair.

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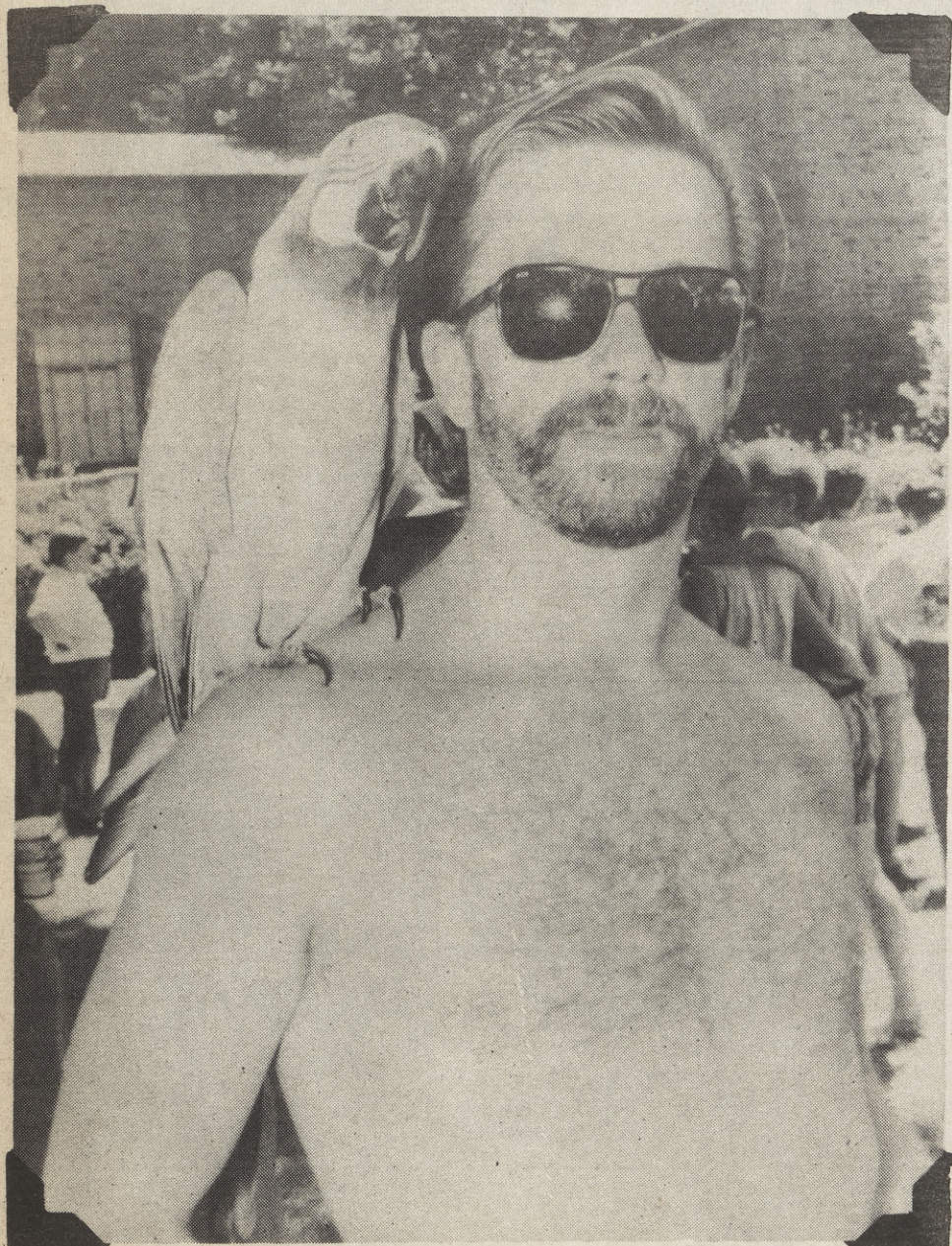
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Bill Downing and friend.

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MGW's own "Pica"  
at the newspaper's  
booth.



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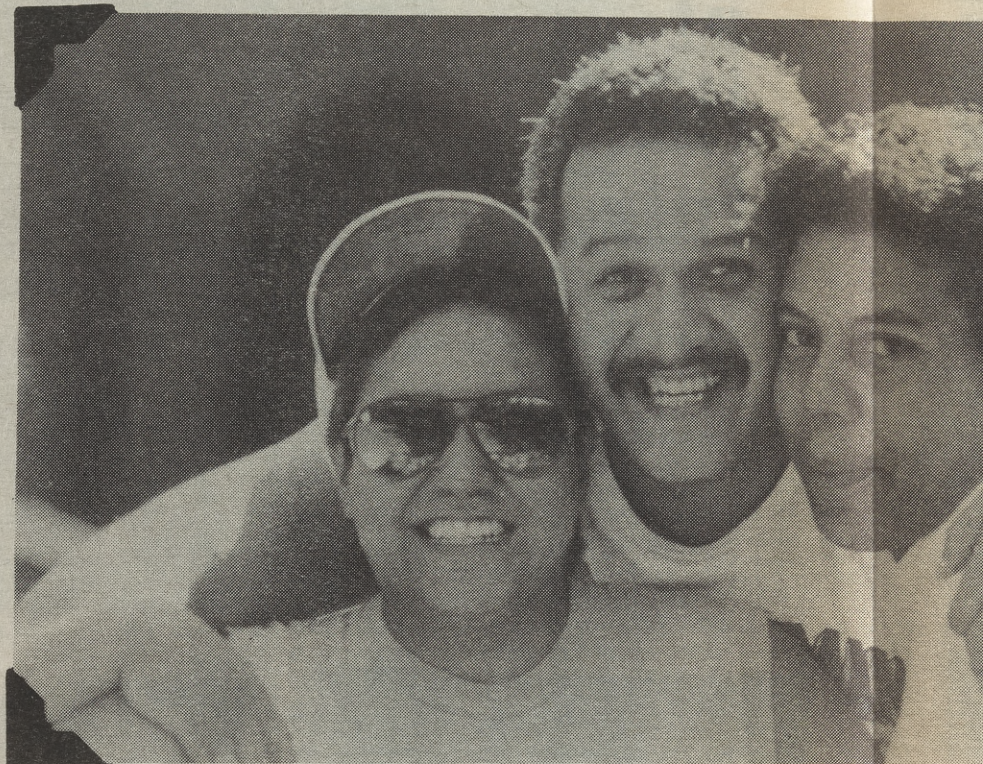


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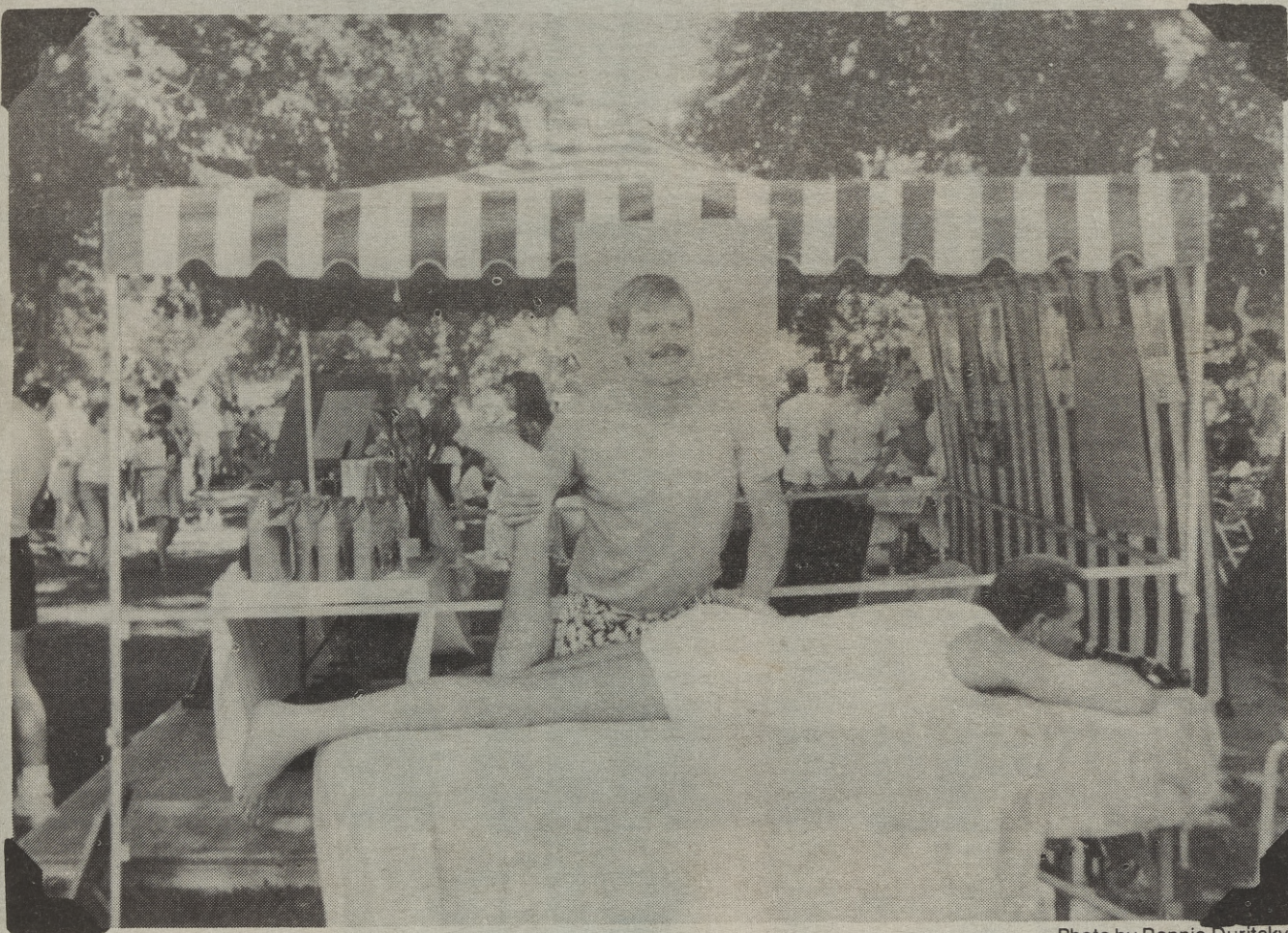


Bicyclists prepare for the Lambda race in early morning.

Photo by Betty Garcia



The Freedom Fair brings out warm feelings in our extended family.



Massage for the fairgoers' weary bodies.

Photo by Bonnie Duritsky



Crowds gather for live entertainment.



The booth for the Rainbow Run up to Vancouver, Canada for the Gay Games.

Photo by Bonnie Duritsky



Sacramento swimmers raise funds for their trip to Vancouver, Canada.



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## FAIR

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the fair committee was painted by local artist Kerry Sutton. The work, according to Sutton, is about opening our minds to the higher self and developing our lives into changing, growing, creative tools of transformation. The fair's logo incorporated three symbols of important historical and cultural significance to the community; the lambda, the pink triangle and the circle. The pink triangle recalls the badge worn by gays in Nazi concentration camps. It is a reminder to fight oppression now and in the future. The lambda was chosen after the Stonewall riots as the logo for the Gay Liberation Front. It has been said the Lambda was an emblem on the shields of an army of lovers in Sparta, ancient Greece. The circle represents the unity of our diverse gay and lesbian communities.

Estimates place the number in attendance between 4000 and 6000. Crowds gathered and sat on the lawn in front of the bandstand as the live entertainment began and lasted into the evening. Divided into three sets, the performers ranged from dancing groups, to vocalists, to a performance of a segment of the Performing Artists for AIDS Related Charities' "Times," a musical variety. At the end of the afternoon raffle winners were announced and the show's coordinator said a farewell which reminded people to attend the beach party the next day. The beach party was lightly attended.

The Lambda Freedom Fair is the oldest program of the Lambda Community Fund, Sacramento's non-profit, tax-deductible, multi-purpose human services charity serving the needs of gays and lesbians. The fair, which was originally the Sacramento Gay Parade, began in 1979 as a way of commemorating the 1969 Stonewall riots and the beginning of the Gay Liberation Movement. ■



Photo by Bonnie Duritsky

"The pack" takes off from the starting block.



Bill, Ken and Mel relax at the fair.

Photo by Melba Duncan



Reading facts of gay history at the MCC booth.

Photo by Bonnie Duritsky



## ACTIVISTS

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ference that some 2,000 journalists were scheduled to cover the meeting and 375 free passes had also been made available to those with AIDS.

During the protest at the hotel, San Francisco Police watched but made no arrests as the group moved through the hotel lobby blowing whistles, banging drums and chanting, "ACT-UP! Fight back! Fight AIDS," and other cheers. Police did, however, arrest eight demonstrators during the march after they attempted to hurdle police barricades and enter the U.S. Appraisers building, home to the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The march was a demonstration against an INS policy that bars those testing positive to the HIV virus, from entering the country. The activists were also angry with President Bush for making exception to the INS rule by issuing 10-day waivers. Before the conference, the INS had also threatened to invoke an old law that forbids openly gay men and lesbians from entering the coun-

Many scientists attending the conference agreed the INS policy and the boycotts by many organizations resulting from it, detracted from the meeting. Ironically, ACT-UP/New York, was one group that chose not to boycott the meeting and registered 38 delegates.

Of the 2,500 scheduled presenters, about 30 withdrew.

The group also drew chalk outlines of bodies on the sidewalk outside the entrance to the hotel and slogans such as "One death every 12 minutes."

**Day 1: Wednesday, June 21:**

The first day of the Sixth International Conference on AIDS began with the arrests of nearly 100 protesters outside San Francisco's Moscone Center.

The first day also saw speakers inside the conference releasing their anger in fiery speeches critical of the Bush administration's decision to limit the stay of AIDS-infected people in the U.S.

Scientists, who feared AIDS activists would disrupt the opening ceremonies as they did last year in Montreal, were set at ease by heavy security measures and numerous police officers who kept the formal decorum established.

Just an hour before the conference began, more than 500 AIDS activists picketed outside Moscone Center on Harrison Street, where dozens of police in riot gear and on horseback kept the group behind barricades.

The protesters marched in a circle, burned a U.S. flag and held a mock trial in which they found five AIDS researchers guilty of not making AIDS drugs more available, plentiful and affordable. Members of People with Immune Systems Disorders Players stomped on shirts with the convicted scientists' names on them.

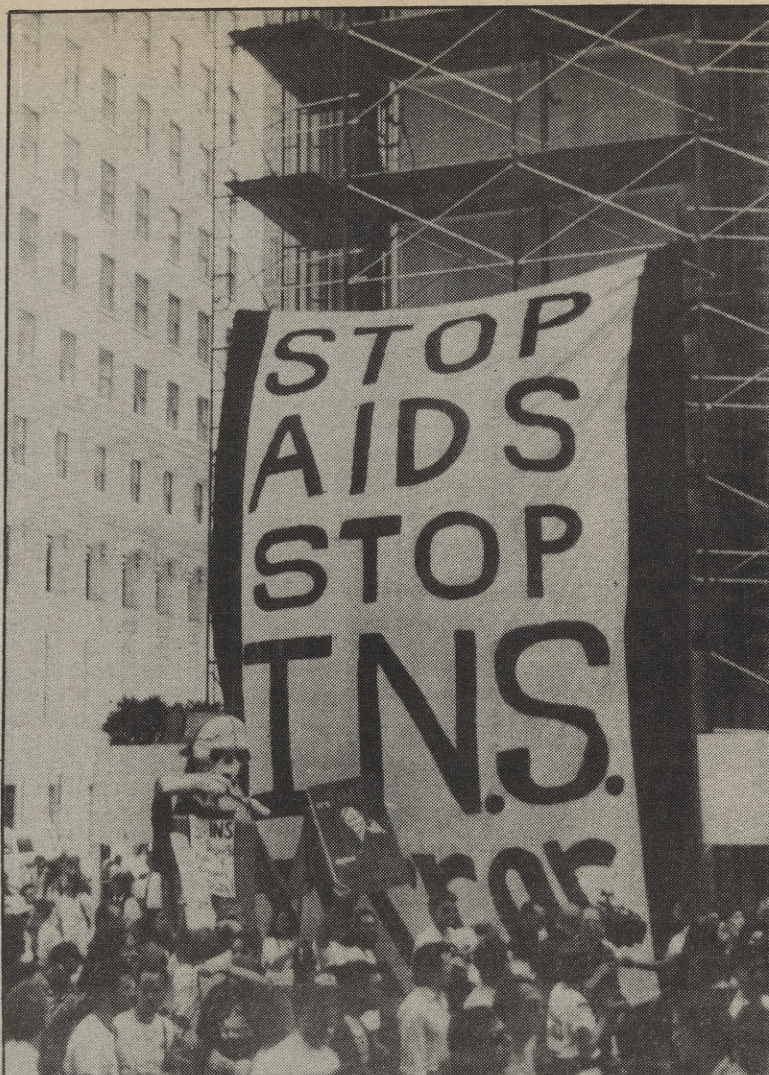
The protest ended with the arrests of dozens, after the group began to crawl over the barricades, trying to gain access to Moscone Center.

Police officials described officers' behavior as "businesslike," but some activists complained police bloodied the knuckles of the those shaking the barricades.

Ironically, Peter Staley of ACT-UP spoke inside at the opening ceremonies. He raged against the government's policy barring people with AIDS from entering the country. At Staley's request, the delegates took to their feet in protest against the INS policy.

Scientists were especially irritated by the ban on travel because their work has shown, repeatedly that the virus cannot be casually transmitted.

While there were some scientists who thought protesters outside were going too far, conference organizer Dr. John Ziegler, a professor at the University of California, San Francisco, said the scientists have learned from the activists, that many traditional political rules no longer apply and that desperate measures may be necessary to save those already infected with AIDS.



Activists march against an INS policy on AIDS.

Photo by Frank Martinez

**Day 2: Thursday, June 22**  
Shortly before noon, nearly 50 of more than 500 ACT-UP protesters were arrested after blocking the intersection at Van Ness Avenue and Market. The group said the protest, concluding with a march was an effort to call attention to the limits of San Francisco's "volunteer-run AIDS care model. The protesters said the government should provide funds to replace exhausted volunteers with paid care-givers.

Police, prepared in riot gear, surrounded the group and arrested the 50 on charges of remaining at the scene of an unlawful assembly. On the march, protesters made stops at government offices, including City Hall and several State Buildings. They accused public officials on every level of "passing the buck" in maintaining AIDS programs.

**Day 3: Friday, June 22**  
One-hundred and forty AIDS activists were arrested after blocking one of San Francisco's busiest intersections for more than an hour.

More than 500 demonstrators initially surged into the intersection at Fourth and Market during the rushed noon hour in a protest designed to draw attention to women who have AIDS.

After some tense moments involving a stink bomb tossed from the crowd, demonstrators remaining in the intersection were arrested by dozens of helmeted officers.

Over the 90 minutes that followed, 140 people were arrested and charged with failure to disperse in an unlawful assembly. The demonstrators suggested

women, who account for about nine percent of those with AIDS, are being short-changed in access to treatments and care. The group also alleged an exploitation of female prostitutes by researchers seeking information on male sexual habits.

As of February, just over 500 women, compared to more than 8,000 men, were enrolled in federally sponsored clinical drug trials, according to the AIDS Treatment Registry in New York.

While there were no complaints of police brutality at this demonstration, ACT-UP organizers alleged six protesters were injured by police in earlier demonstrations. Many of the complaints involved the use of

by U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Director Louis Sullivan. The protesters, many who gained access with fake identification, blew whistles or screamed while hurling paper wads and apples at the Bush's administration's man in charge of AIDS.

While pausing several times to hold composure, Sullivan continued through a prepared text, never acknowledging the melee around him, rather urging cooperation in fighting AIDS.

Many in the audience sat with their fingers in their ears, trying to weaken the roar of ACT-UP activists shouting "Shame, shame, shame" and "We want action, no more words."

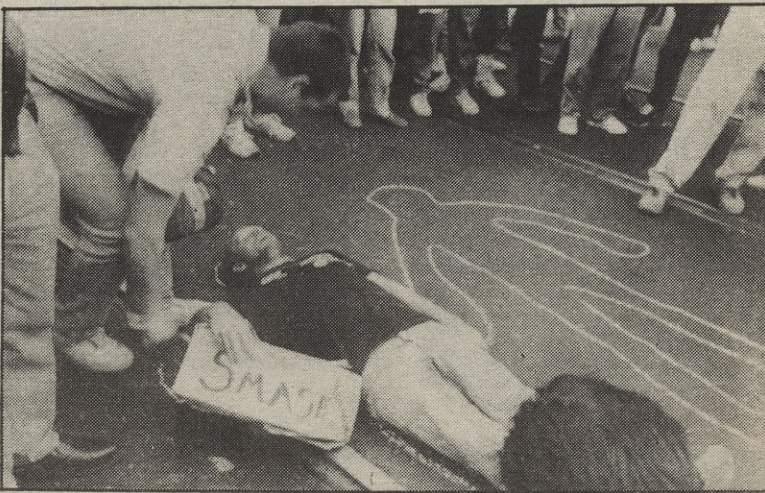
Some researchers at the conference said they were unhappy with the protesters and said they did more harm than good. One

researcher from Yale said while he may have disagreed with Sullivan, he wanted to hear the speech.

Another scientist said he wondered where the unity of the previous day's HIV/AIDS March went to.

Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases said the scientists care deeply and are as concerned about the speed of research as people with AIDS. He said scientists and activists must work together to defeat the disease. Specifically mentioning ACT-UP, Fauci said the organization is responsible for much of the increased access to new AIDS drugs today.

Ironically, neither Sullivan nor Fauci discussed the INS' policy — the single issue that united both scientists and activists. ■



Protesters outline bodies to represent the lives of those who have died from AIDS.

Photo by Frank Martinez

## BEACH

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where sex allegedly occurs.

The senior police official also said he had received reports of anonymous groping on the beach. "I'm sure no one wants to go out there who isn't gay and get groped," said Dohm.

Dohm also expressed concern for the gay community and said

he has not released information on the sting to the straight press because he feels gays would be better served by a "warning" in the gay press.

"I don't want to hurt the community, but we've got to get the word out," he said. Dohm also suggested wide-scale attention in major media might add to the recent increase in anti-gay violence.

Police are also towing cars parked at the end of street and in the lots of nearby businesses. ■

## A complete report on the scientific results of the conference in the July 15th issue of MGW.

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**Day 4: Saturday, June 23:**

After four angry days of protest and arrests, thousands of AIDS activists and conference delegates shared common ground in what was billed an "HIV/AIDS Unity March."

Members of ACT-UP/San Francisco were estimated to be as large as 20,000 people.

San Francisco police, while present during the march, made no arrests.

The march, which originated at San Francisco's United Nations Plaza, saw some tense moments.

Demonstrators rushed into the chic San Francisco Centre shopping mall shouting "We're here! We're queer! We're not going shopping!" and blowing whistles so loudly that shoppers and clerks covered their ears.

One store owner told MGW that protesters were "misdirected" and "caught-up in protest for the sake for protest."

Delegates, largely absent at the shopping mall, joined activists a few blocks later and marched to the plaza, where speakers, some with AIDS, emphasized the need for solidarity.

**Day 5: Sunday, June 24:**

In what was decidedly the most aggressive action of the Sixth International Conference on AIDS, furious activists totally disrupted a speech on the conference floor



A den on the beach where police suspect sex relations occur. Photo by Linda Birner



# Running against AIDS and discrimination

by Jim Walker  
MANAGING EDITOR

**B**rent Nicholson Earle is running for his life and the lives of others.

He is a crusader running from San Francisco to Vancouver because of what he feels inside for the thousands that have died from AIDS or the countless sufferers of injustices inflicted because of sexual orientation.

On Wednesday, June 13, Earle was in Sacramento, just one stop on his 1,000-mile one-man mission, called "The Rainbow Run

While a run of even a few miles might seem enough of a challenge to most of us, Earle, has, while running, been pelted with tomatoes, verbally abused and, on one occasion, threatened with a rifle.

"Sometimes you just turn your head," he said. "I guess once in a while I do give the finger, but there's not much else you can do."

"There are times I want to aim the car at them," said his mother.

"Hate and intolerance is the reason for the death of thousands of Americans," said Earle. "We will view the treatment of the AIDS crisis as the worst legacy of

same level of culture in the world today because of AIDS," said Earle.

Earle hopes this run will receive more media attention than his last.

"At the start line in San Francisco, we had two San Francisco stations, and neither of them aired anything," he said.

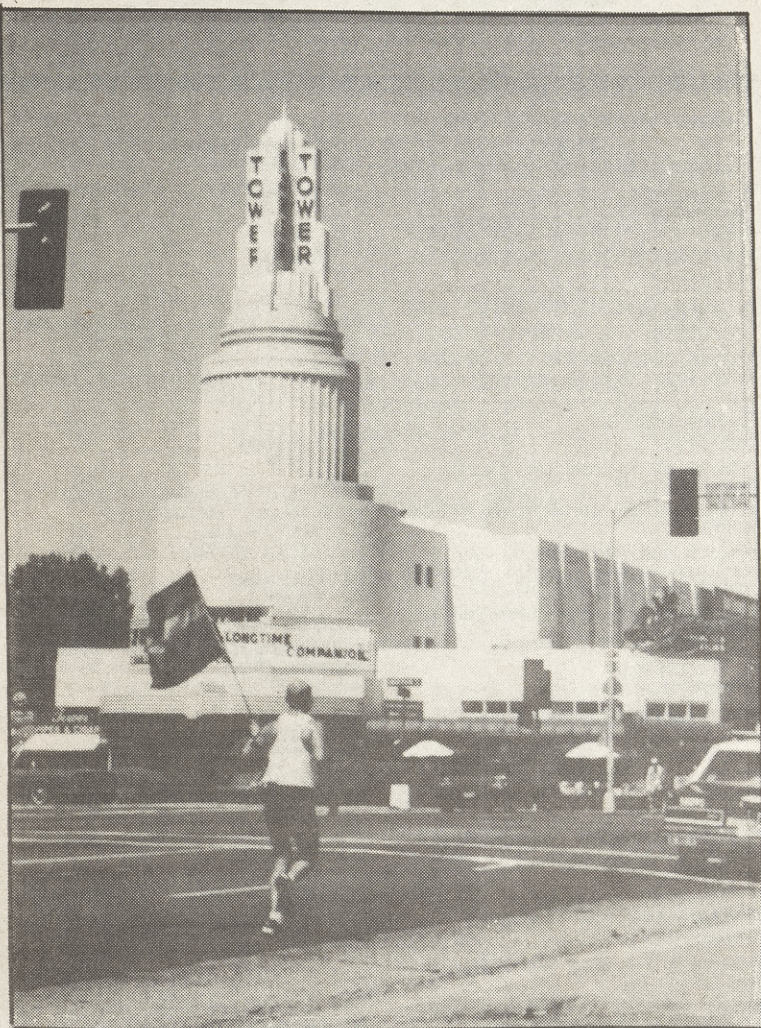
In his last run, "The Turning Point," an article in *People* magazine, did not appear until two years after the run. The magazine named Earle one of the "20 Individuals Who Shaped the Eighties."

In his Sacramento appearance, all three major network affiliates



Brent Nicholson Earle stands outside the state capitol with his mother Marion.

Photo by Michael Mary Addison



Brent Nicholson Earle runs by Sacramento's Tower Theater on his way to the Gay Games in Vancouver.  
Photos by Michael Mary Addison

for the End of AIDS." The run began in San Francisco on June 7 and will end August 4 at Gay Games III where Earle will present the colors at opening ceremonies.

At the Sacramento AIDS Foundation a press conference listened to the 39-year-old man and his mother, Marion, talk about the insurmountable human loss to AIDS and the pain of discrimination.

"I feel besieged as if in battle. I see my comrades falling all around me," said Earle. "This is my response to the crisis. I'm running the gay flag to the gay games to celebrate the lives of everyone who has died from AIDS."

"I too have lost friends to this disease," said 73-year-old Marion Nicholson. "I know that there are some people who think homosexuality is anti-family, but I think there is nothing more unfamily, than those parents who have disowned their lesbian and gay children."

Nicholson drives alongside her son in a recreation vehicle, at seven miles an hour, or slower.

This is Earle's second long distance run. In 1986, he ran 10,000 miles around the United States in The American Run for the End of AIDS to promote AIDS education and awareness.

the Reagan Administration."

Arrested twice while participating in protests as a member of the activist group ACT-UP, Earle continues to vow to join others in calling for increased governmental action toward AIDS.

Earle's personal dedications on this run are to the late Tom Waddell, the former Olympic athlete and the founder of the Gay Games, and the late Keith Haring, a talented artist who devoted his skills to gay and lesbian causes. Earle is also traveling with blank panels to be signed at his many stops. The panels will be displayed at the Games and later, added to the National Names Project AIDS Quilt.

"All of us are losing a tremendous asset. We don't have the artists, the designers, the actors we used to. We just don't have the

aired stories and the *Sacramento Bee* printed a large photo story on the front page of the Metro section.

Sacramento Mayor Anne Rudin sent her regards to the runner in a personal letter saying she had "sincere admiration" for Earle's determination. ■

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# Calendar

## July

### 1 Sunday

► **Sacramento Area Coalition Against Operation Rescue (SACAOR)** meeting, 2-5pm, Davis, info 443-7876.

### 2 Monday

► **Women's Rap Group**, 7-9pm, Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St, 442-0185.

### 3 Tuesday

► **Outlook**, monthly lesbian/gay video show, 10pm, Cable Ch 63.

► **"Metamorphosis: Man into Woman"**, KVIE Ch 6, 10pm.

► **Heart to Heart**, support group for men, "Exploring Male Sexuality," 6:30-8pm, Sacramento AIDS Foundation, 1900 K St, 448-2437.

► **Old Sacramento 3rd of July Celebration!** 7pm, 443-8653.

### 4 Wednesday

► **4th of July Party at the Town House**, 1517 21st, 441-5122 for details.

► **4th of July Concert**, First United Methodist Church, 21st & L sts, 3pm; dedicated to the memory of Don F. Dingler, donations to SAF in Don's name.

► **National Gay & Lesbian Theatre Festival**, Goodwill Arts Festival and Goodwill Games, Seattle, WA (206) 322-5723.

### 5 Thursday

► **Outlook**, monthly lesbian/gay video show, 9pm, Cable Ch 63.

► **Being Alive Living Room**, drop in social setting for persons with AIDS & HIV disease; refreshments, games, conversation; 2-5pm, Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St, 442-0185.

### 6 Friday

► **George Winston**, Sacramento Community Center 442-7827 (bring a can of food to concert for local food banks).

► **Full Moon Houseboat**, Water Ski/Sports Weekend, Thrill Seekers, 454-6112.

### 7 Saturday

► **"Night of the Strings"**, buffet, Turtle Island String Quartet; Pasero; Bill Rase Orchestra; 7pm-midnight, Crest Theater; \$50, 457-3337.

► **Lambda Players Present "Louisa May Incest"** and "Souvenirs"; Lambda Comm. Center, 1931 L St; Sat & Sun thru July 22; 7:45 pm; \$5; 442-0185; Res. strongly recommended.

► **Women's Dance**, Shangri-La Restaurant, 6339 Mack Rd. for info 424-8160 or 387-0962.

► **Conference for Catholic Lesbians**, meeting; info: Kathleen, 362-4133.

### 8 Sunday

► **Valley Grills Car Club of Sacramento**, BYO picnic lunch in Volcano, meet 11am, 1914 L St, depart at noon!

► **Softball**, Buffalo Club vs Mercantile, noon; Faces vs Wreck Room 2pm; 21st & C sts; Party at the Wreck Room.

► **Dignity liturgy**, 3pm, St. Francis Chapel, 26th & K sts.

### 9 Monday

► **Women's Rap Group**, see July 2.

► **Sacramento Women in Commercial Real Estate (SWICRE)** 5th Annual Golf Tournament; El Macero Country Club, Davis; \$100, golfcart, awards banquet; 11:30am regis, 1pm shotgun; res by June 29, 386-6800.

### 10 Tuesday

► **Being Gay Today**, 10pm, Cable Ch 63.

► **Heart to Heart**, "The Relationship Continuum," see July 3.

### 12 Thursday

► **Being Gay Today**, 10pm, Cable Ch 63.

► **1990 National Assoc. of Women's Centers Conference**, "Women at the Center, Our Eyes on the Future," CSUS campus; through July 15.

### 14 Saturday

► **Successful Communication Workshop**, register by July 9; 9am-6pm, Maria Nemeth Assoc, 7230 S Land Park Dr, Suite 129; 424-1335.

► **Bastille Day Party** — Domaine Chandon Winery, Santa Clara.

► **Workshop** — Healing Painful Relationship Patterns, 9am-5pm, 2628 El Camino Ave, Suite C-1, \$70/person, \$130/couple; Charlene Conley, LCSW & Linda Paoli, LCSW, 972-7831.

### 15 Sunday

► **Softball**, Wreck Room vs Buffalo Club, noon; Mercantile vs Faces, 2pm; 21st & C sts.

► **Gold Panning Championship/Art & Craft Faire**, Auburn, 823-3836.

► **Sacramento Area Coalition Against Operation Rescue (SACAOR)** meeting, 3-6pm, Sacramento, info: 443-7876.

► **PAGA Golf Tournament**, 11am, Santa Teresa Golf Course, \$45 golf fees, carts, BBQ & awards; call Terrie (408) 244-1416 for info.

### 16 Monday

► **Women's Rap Group**, 7-9pm, Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St, 442-0185.

► **Healthy Living Series**: "Healthwatch, Update on HIV Treatments," Neil Flynn M.D., and colleagues; 8-10pm, UCD Med Center Auditorium, 2315 Stockton Blvd, info 448-2437.

### 17 Tuesday

► **Being Gay Today**, 10pm, Cable Ch 63.

► **PFLAG meeting**, 7:30pm, St. Marks United Methodist Church, 3391 St. Marks way, 444-9510.

► **Heart to Heart**, support group for men; "Understanding Co-Dependency," Sacramento AIDS Foundation, 1900 K St; 448-2437.

### 18 Wednesday

► **Membership meeting** and professional development seminar; Jian Wong, "Career Success and the Commercial Artist," Matrix Gallery, 1725 I St, 441-4818; 7pm.

### 19 Thursday

► **Being Gay Today**, 9pm Cable Ch 63.

► **Being Alive Living Room**, drop in social setting for persons with AIDS and HIV disease; refreshments, games, conversation, 2-5pm, Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St, 442-0185.

### 20 Friday

► **SACWN** presents Jane Irwin, "Boardroom or Bedroom ... How to Make it Happen!" Holiday Inn Holiday, 6:30pm, 486-8985.

► **Country Western Riverboat Cruise**, 10pm-1am, \$22.50, 427-5713.

► **Inner Vision Seminars**, Healing Sexual Abuse Workshop for Women, thru Sunday, \$195, 925-2397.

► **2nd Annual Summer Ball** thru Sunday; benefit for SAF, Home Health Care, given by Sacramento Summer Ball Chapter of the National Foundation for Educational Research; cocktail party & "black tie" dinner, \$75, Hyatt Regency, Sharon McKnight entertaining; tickets for all events — Phoenix Rising Hair Salon, 3193 Riverside Blvd; info, Robert 429-6588 or Marty 427-3371.

► **Bay Area women at the Helm (BAWATH)**, annual "Delta Dip" event, RSVP by July 13; Barbara (415) 763-1264 (sailing, swimming & more)

### 21 Saturday

► **Apples Great Race**, 8am start, William Pond Recreation Area (end of Arden Way) at American River.

► **Great Sacramento Crystal Fair**, Holiday Inn, Madison & I-80; 10am-6pm; \$3 (415) 383-7837 (thru July 22).

► **Christmas in July**, benefit Jazz Band Festival, Italian Picnic Grounds, Sutter Hill (209) 296-7069.

► **2nd Annual Summer Ball Safari Dance**, Lincoln Plaza Building, see July 20 for more info.

### 22 Sunday

► **Softball**, Faces vs. Buffalo Club, noon; Wreck Room vs Mercantile, 2pm; 21st & C sts.

► **Dignity liturgy**, 3pm, 26th & K sts.

► **2nd Annual Summer Ball**, "Admirals Cruise," brunch aboard Delta Queen; more info see July 20.

### 23 Monday

► **Intermediate B/W Photography**, The Darkroom, 712 57th St, 6:30-9:30pm, Mon. thru Aug. 27, \$135, 451-9678.

► **Women's Rap Group**, see July 16.

### 24 Tuesday

► **Being Gay Today**, 10pm Cable Ch 63.

### 26 Thursday

► **Being Gay Today**, 9pm Cable Ch 63.

► **Being Alive Living Room**, see July 19.

### 27 Friday

► **California Midsummer Bluegrass Festival**, Nevada County Fairgrounds, Grass Valley, thru July 29, 456-3703.

► **Buddy Connection**, men's safer sex workshop; 7-9pm, Sacramento AIDS Foundation, 1900 K St, 448-2437.

### 29 Sunday

► **Softball**, Faces vs. Wreck Room, noon; Mercantile vs. Buffalo Club, 2pm; 21st & C sts.

### 30 Monday

► **Women's Rap Group**, see July 16.

## August

### 3 Friday

► **Calif. Lottery Bicycle Classic**, Old Sacramento, women's and men's races, bicycle expo (2-10pm), post-race party; races start at 4:30pm, 482-4720.



Lily Tomlin in "The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe," playing at the Golden Gate Theater in San Francisco from July 12-29. Photo special to MGW

### 4 Saturday

► **Celebration '90**: Gay Games III and Cultural Festival, thru Aug. 11, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

### 5 Sunday

► **Alternative Connection for Women in the Valley**; picnic, 11am-4pm, Victory Park, Stockton, (209) 941-2611.

### 7 Tuesday

► **Gay Games III Physique Finals**, Orpheum Theatre, Vancouver, \$27, Norm 443-6440.

### 8 Wednesday

► **Queers in Art**, an Artisan Market, Celebration Center, Celebration '90 Gay Games III and Cultural Festival, Vancouver, BC, (604) 684-3303, thru August 11.

### 10 Friday

► **Western Regional Conference**, World Congress of Gay & Lesbian Jewish Organizations; Congregation Tikvah Chadashah, Seattle, WA; (206) 328-2760, thru August 11.

### 13 Monday

► **Healthy Living Series**: Understanding AIDS/HIV, Fears, Facts and Feelings; Lisa Brodkey & Stephen Warren; 7-9pm, Sacramento AIDS Foundation, 1900 K St, 448-2437.

### 15 Wednesday

► **Carnival Week** in Provincetown, Mass., Grand Parade of Floats, Masquerade Ball, (508) 487-6400, thru August 22.

► **15th Annual Michigan Womyn's Music Festival**, thru Aug. 19; WWTMC, Box 22, Waltham, MI 49458.

► **Sacramento Gay & Lesbian Town Council meeting**, 6:30pm, Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St.

### 19 Sunday

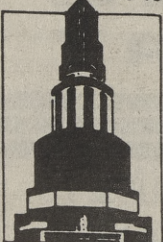
► **Softball**, Mercantile vs. Faces, noon; Wreck Room vs. Buffalo CClub, 2pm; 21st & C sts.

### 24 Friday

► **SACWN** presents Betty Berzon, 486-8985.

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**Fridays beginning June 1** — RSVP Improvisational Comedy Theatre, The Guild Coffee House, 35th & Broadway, \$5, 442-RSVP.

**thru July 6** — Auditions of *Best of Broadway*, 483-2775.

**thru July 14** — *Daddy's Dyin'; Who's Got the WH?* Chautauqua Playhouse, La Sierra Community Center, 5325 Engle Rd., \$9, \$8 students & seniors, 489-7529.

**thru July 14** — *Tales from Hans Christian Andersen*, Chautauqua Playhouse Children's Theatre, 5325 Engle Rd., \$4, 489-7529.

**thru July 14** — *Bedroom Dance*, Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, 12401 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova, 985-6361.

**thru July 15** — *Dirty Dreams of a Clean-Cut Kid*, Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St., SF, (415) 861-5079.

**thru Aug. 5** — *Les Miserables*, Curran Theatre, 445 Geary, SF, Ticketron (415) 243-9001.

**July 7-22** — *Louisa May Incest* and *Souvenirs*, 7pm, Lambda Center, 1931 L St., 442-0185.

**July 9-15** — *Showboat*, Music Circus Tent, 14th & H St., 441-3163.

**July 12-29** — *Lily Tomlin: The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe*, Golden Gate Theatre, SF (415) 243-9001.

**July 15** — *Merola Opera Performance*, The Merry Wives of Windsor, 2pm, Sigmund Stern Grove (Bay Area) (415) 565-6427.

**July 16-22** — *Annie Get Your Gun*, Music Circus Tent, 14th & H St., 441-3163.

**July 20-Sept. 22** — *The Unexpected Guest*, Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, 12401 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova, 985-6361.

**July 23-29** — *Into the Woods*, Music Circus Tent, 14th & H St., 441-3163.

**July 25, 27, 29, 31** — *The Ghost Sonata*, San Francisco Opera at Theatre Artaud, SF, (415) 565-6431.

**July 27-Aug. 18** — *You Can't Take It With You*, Foothill Theatre Co., Nevada Theatre, Nevada City, 1-265-8587.

**July 30-Aug. 5** — *The Boy Friend*, Music Circus Tent, 14th & H St., 441-3163.

**Aug. 4** — *Merola Opera Performance*, Mixed Concert, Martin Bros. Winery, Paso Robles (415) 565-6427.

**Aug. 10-12** — *Merola Opera Performance*, Lucia di Lammermoor, Villa Montalvo, Saratoga, (415) 565-6427.

**Aug. 13-19** — *Big River*, Music Circus Tent, 14th & H St., 441-3163.

**Aug. 19** — *Merola Opera Performance*, Grand Finals Concert, 7pm, War Memorial Opera House, SF, (415) 565-6427.

**Aug. 20-26** — *Ain't Misbehavin'*, Music Circus Tent, 14th & H St., 441-3163.

**Aug. 23-26** — UCD extension, Oregon Shakespearean Festival, \$400-\$425, includes transportation, four plays, backstage tour, accommodations, lectures; (800) 752-0881.

**Aug. 28-Sept. 2** — *Peter Pan*, Community Center Theatre, 441-3163.

**Sept. 11-Oct. 7** — *Driving Miss Daisy*, Sacramento Theatre Co., 1419 H St., 446-7501.

**Sept. 14, 16, 17** — *Tosca*, Sacramento Opera Assoc., 442-4224.

**Oct. 23-Nov. 18** — *Heartbreak House*, Sacramento Theatre Co., 1419 H St., 446-7501.

**Nov. 16, 18, 19** — *The Gypsy Baron*, Sacramento Opera Assoc., 442-4224.

**Feb. 26-March 24, 1991** — *The Good Person of Setzuan*, Sacramento Theatre Co., 1419 H St., 446-7501.

**March 1, 3, 4, 1991** — *The Tales of Hoffman*, Sacramento Opera Assoc., 442-4224.

## Art Galleries

**thru July 8** — *Visual AIDS II*, Ansel Adams Center, 250 4th St., San Francisco, (415) 495-7000.

**thru July 27** — *On a Grand Scale*, Neighborhood Center for the Arts, Grass Valley, 272-7287.

**thru July 7** — *3 Universes in the Atomic Cafe*, Institute for Design and Experimental Art, 3414 4th Ave., 452-0949.

**thru July 7** — *Rebecca Gozlon*, The Smaller Works; Margaret Maye, Stories Worth Telling; Barbara Sweet-Clinkston, Journeys; Robert Wilson, Recent Wilson, Recent Works; Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1020 10th St., 448-8723; reception June 16, 6:30-8:30pm.

**thru July 10** — *Richard Lang*, watercolor, monotype, mixed media; Barbara McDonald Gallery, 1729 L St., 448-7211.

**thru Aug. 15** — *"Shinobu: Portrait of the Artist as a Young Girl"* — Madeline Girbaud; Luna's Cafe.

**thru Aug. 24** — workshops on Art and Architecture, Sacramento Children's Museum, 1322 O St., 447-8017.

**thru Aug. 26** — *California Light, 1900-1930*, Herold Gallery, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., 449-5423.

**thru Aug. 27** — *New Exhibition of Art at Shenandoah Gallery*, Le Chal at Shenandoah Vineyards, 12300 Steine Rd, Plymouth; Tasting room at Sobon Estate, 14430 Shenandoah Rd, Plymouth; (209) 245-4455.

**July 2-July 27** — *Corey Okada*, "Works on Paper," Dito Gallery, 1724 L St., 441-3486; reception, July 7, 7-9pm.

**July 4-July 14** — *Ken Light: To the Promised Land*, The Darkroom, 708 57th St., 454-4906; reception & book signing, June 8, 7-9:30pm, \$3-\$5.

**July 4-31** — *Introduction to the Abstract*, group show; Accurate Art Gallery, 1131 J St., 442-1771; Reception July 14, 7-9pm.

**July 10-Aug. 4** — *Introductions '90*; Leigh Barber, David Hoppe, Joel Singer; Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1020 Tenth St., 448-8723; reception, July 14, 6:30-8:30pm.

**July 11-Aug. 17** — *Mixed Media Works* by Alida Manning; Matrix Members Gallery, 1725 I St., 441-4818; reception July 14, 7-9pm.

**July 11-Aug. 17** — *Introductions '90*; Karen Fuik, Jane Goldman, Matrix Gallery, 1725 I St., 441-4818; reception, July 14, 7-9pm.

**July 12-Aug. 5** — *Penina Meisels*, "The Art of Polo"; Paul Stein — small porcelain vessels; Marijke Van Vlaardingen — Images of The Horse; Himovitz Gallery, 550 Pavilions Ln, 925-5917.

**July 17-Dec. 2** — *Edward Weston: Idols Behind Altars*, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., 449-5423.

**August 6-31** — *Group Show*, John Michael Keating, Tony Sinclair, Carol Setterlund; Accurate Art Gallery, 1131 J St., 442-1771; Reception Aug. 11 7-9pm.

**August 6-31** — *Ground Level*, group show (watercolor, oil, sculpture); Accurate Art Gallery, 1131 J St., 442-1771; Reception Aug. 11, 7-9pm.

**thru Sept. 9** — *Scenes of Wonder and Curiosity*; Ted Orland; Library Gallery, Crocker Art Gallery, 216 O St., 449-5423.

## MGW HAPPENINGS

### Lambda Players rise to new shows

The Lambda Players will be presenting two one-acts Saturdays and Sundays, July 7-22.

*Louisa May Incest* by Carolyn Gage is the story of Louisa May Alcott, author of *Little Women*. Within the show Louisa May is confronted by her many repressed feelings of incest, lesbianism, and inequality in the form of one of the characters from her classic novel. *Souvenirs*, a lighter piece by the author of *Going Up!*, focuses on two friends' trip through tokens of the past in search of that special moment of one's early love.

Seats will be on risers for this series of one-acts. Doors open at 7:45pm with an 8:15 curtain. Tickets are \$5. Reservations: 442-0185, M-F, 10-6. ■

### MCC fireworks booth

River City MCC Fireworks Booth opened June 29 at 4102 Manzanita Avenue and Fair Oaks Blvd. It will remain open until July 5. The church has a contract which allows them to discount their fireworks, and the community will be pleased at the wide selection. Proceeds go to renovate the new sanctuary. ■

### Women's Center Association to meet here

The National Association of Women's Centers will hold its third national conference on July 12-15 at California State University in Sacramento.

Luisah Teish, author, priestess and a worker in the domestic violence field, will be the keynote speaker, with Betsy Rose, singer, entertaining at the poolside barbecue. Workshops on the how-to's of community and college-based women's centers, and on the issues of racism, ageism and lesbian women's concerns, will address the challenges of the nineties and the next century on the conference theme: Our Eyes to the Future.

For information on the conference, phone Pam King at 441-4207 or Marie Tabarez at 682-3764, or write Box 246833, Sacramento, CA 95824. ■

### Job discrimination, gay bashing...

## The Human Rights Commission wants you to report

by Maria Albin  
OF MGW STAFF

**F**irst, let's get the basics covered. The Human Rights/Fair Housing Commission is jointly funded by the City and County of Sacramento. Formed in 1963, it's staff receives and resolves complaints in the areas of discrimination in housing, employment and educational opportunity. The Commission is located at 2131 Capitol Ave., Suite 206, in Sacramento. The phone number is 444-6903, office hours are Monday-Friday 8-5pm. The initial person you should talk with is Maria Necoechea (Neck-o-eh-chay-uh).

What can another bureaucratic organization do for you? You will be able to talk with someone non-judgmental, understanding and willing to help you in any way possible. They have the power to assist you and successfully handle any discrimination you may be facing. This process is simple, there's no overwhelming paper trail to entangle you, and you're treated as a real human being, not just a number. The HRC can be a very useful tool, but you have to take the first step to use what's available.

For example, you've been on the job a few weeks. You've sensed some undercurrent of unease, maybe hostility, from a co-worker. You overhear a derogatory remark, clearly aimed at you but not to your face. You like your job, you don't want to lose it or quit, you know you have every right to work in an abuse-free environment. Call the HRC. Talk with Maria Necoechea, or Ron Brown. They will listen to your concerns. You don't have to identify yourself or your employer if you're not ready for that. Maria or Ron, typically, would help you decide if this might be a conflict with one or

more people, if your employer may or may not be aware of the incident(s). You could decide to go into the HRC office and meet directly with Maria or Ron. You could decide to register your concern with them and give yourself more time on the job to see what happens. You could decide to file a formal complaint. At that point you would be given a form to fill out, called a 'Complaint of Sexual Harassment.' After the form is completed, the employer is contacted by letter and a meeting is set with your representative from HRC. The meeting is usually informal. At that time the employer is informed of the incident(s), and is educated about discrimination and the law. Sometimes this meeting is all it takes to help employers learn, and often she/he is able to put a stop to the harassment.

Suppose, however, you are fired for being gay/lesbian and/or HIV+. In that case, the HRC would usually help you file a complaint, then refer you to sensitive personal counselors, as well as specific attorneys to help you pursue your legal options. If you have a housing complaint/eviction problem, the process is the same. HRC has a gay/lesbian-sensitive staff member in their Fair Housing unit who will work with you to resolve your situation.

The HRC doesn't just sit around in their offices waiting for you to call. One of Maria Necoechea's jobs is to act as liaison with the Sacramento City Police Dept. Her goals include increasing police sensitivity to incidents of gay bashing/hate crimes. Currently the police department doesn't formally acknowledge the existence of hate crimes. Beginning July 1, however, there will be a new code on police reports to indicate "Bias-motivated" crimes. A rose by any other name ... Even though it's a small step, it's a step toward being recognized as

### New women's group in Stockton

A new organization, Alternative Connection for Women in the Valley, will sponsor a picnic for women in Stockton's Victory Park on August 5 from 11am to 4pm. Monthly events will be planned.

For information call 941-2611, Sally Miller. ■

### Festival needs for coordinators

West Coast Women's Music and Comedy Festival has paid positions for coordinators in the following areas: Childcare, sign making, cooks, master electrician, lifeguard, and hostesses.

The Festival is from August 30-September 5. Coordinators must be on the land Saturday, August 25 through Monday, September 3.

Send a resume or letter explaining experience, and a S.A.S.E., A.S.A.P. to: WCWCMF, 15842 Chase St., Sepulveda, CA 91343, (818) 893-4075. ■

### Company schedules Paul Robeson tribute

California's Original Theater Company presents six performances of Paul Robeson — "An American Hero" Thursdays through Saturdays, July 5-14 at 8pm at the Guild Theater, 2830 35th St. near Broadway.

The production features Curtis Lymas in the title role and was developed from Lymas' earlier performances of "Here I Stand" which received a New Works Award from the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission in 1989.

For reservations 456-2861. ■

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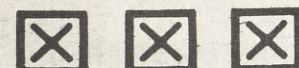
Reverend Elder Freda Smith, of River City MCC, added another title to her distinguished name on June 8 when she was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Samaritan Theology Seminary, the academic institution of UFMCC. Smith journeyed to Los Angeles to give the commencement address. She will be celebrating her 19th year as pastor of River City MCC. ■

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# Occidentals suffer glamorously

by John Mello  
OF MGW STAFF

**Men in Love** Crystal Clear Communications, 85 min., Crest Theater, June 6-7.

*Men in Love*, billed as a "sensual, life-affirming film," could be recommended as a healing tool and training film for gay men who are suffering from celibacy in this post-AIDS era. Sensual it is; though it is unrated, the love scenes are extensive and would surely merit a heavy "R". Taken as a purely didactic work, these love scenes show that there is no dividing line between art, erotica and possibly even pornography in the media today, like some of the high-class massage "instruction" shown on the Playboy Channel. As devaluated as sex is for jaded Americans, even rhapsodic depictions such as these taken on a tedious, somewhat cheap feeling. Who can be the judge?

The plot involves the journey to return the ashes of a dead lover. Steven is at first put off by the New Age people he meets on Maui, but later "rediscovers" himself in a primal scream session in a cave and comes to ap-

preciate their support, sympathy and experience. He realizes, however, that he must return to San Francisco to continue his life there. The film has some gripping cinema verite moments, like when some apparently non-actors are playing themselves. This reviewer wishes the producer and director had exploited this native talent instead of indulging in too many lyrical digressions, platitudes and sentimentality. Why don't they show us how PWAs who can't afford unlimited spiritual sojourns in Paradise are reaffirming their faith in life right here in River City?

The film has a very limited audience, perhaps only white New Age gay Californians. It would be hard to imagine anyone else enduring its tedious pool scenes, hot tub scenes, waterfall scenes, moon festival, Buddhas by candlelight, weightlifting, breathing exercises, playful kittens and stilted dialogue. Even Pacific Islanders would have trouble identifying with the one minority character. One point that was innocently glossed over was the reputation Maui has for being synonymous with marijuana. These occidental yuppies

appeared to be coping without it because of the "life renewing forces" which surrounded them. At least there was no shortage of eyeliner.

In spite of the film's esoteric beauty and its validation of alternative healing methods, it sits ambivalently between documentary, self-help and erotica. It is deeply unsatisfying and downright boring in many places; a lot like our uprooted and emotionally dependent lives here in Lotus Land. Isn't it the "full expression of our erotic nature (being the foundation of our spiritual and emotional well being)" something that is essentially private? Are these luscious nudes masquerading as noble visions? There was a lot of sniffing to be heard in the theater. Can we really be spiritually healed by erotica? ■

## New gay and lesbian theater group

Sacramento's new gay and lesbian theater group called GET IT, (Gay, Experimental, Traditional, Improvisational Theater) is presenting its first event July 14, 8pm at Joseph's Town & Country Entertainment Center. As the name implies the organization is a mixed bag of genres including comedy, drama, poetry, puppets and music. The group promises some of Sacramento's most talented individuals in exciting performances. Admission for the event is \$6. For information, call 729-0295. ■



Singer Judy Fjell

Photo by Melba Duncan

**"Dirty Dreams of a Clean Cut Kid"**  
will continue its successful run at  
**Theatre Rhinoceros** through July 15.  
See Theater Listings on page 15 for  
more information.

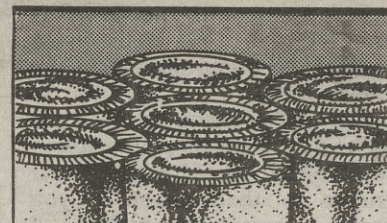
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## Judy Fjell: An unforgettable evening

by Laura Enright  
OF MGW STAFF

**J**une 1st gave me an evening I won't soon forget. On that night I attended a Judy Fjell concert and I swear the woman walked away with my musical heart. Sorry Holly Near but I think that you've been replaced as my all-time favorite in the women's music scene.

If you've never seen Judy Fjell in concert, you are missing a great show. Fjell is a highly

charged performer who can draw her audience into her show without any effort at all. Before the end of the very first song, the crowd was singing along and I must say they were singing beautifully.

I first saw Fjell several years ago, I was impressed then and I am certainly impressed now. Last year I again saw her in concert and I remember the evening as if it was yesterday, Fjell singing on stage while several musically bewitched little girls between the ages of 3-7 danced around the room in front of her, uncaring of the room full of eyes watching their playful antics.

Judy Fjell's *Livin' on Dreams* album release concert was another winner in a long line of winners. Accompanied by the excellent talents of violinist-vocalist Crystal Reeves and backed by Chris Dannon and Joyce Kauffman, Fjell displayed the style and musical agility of a seasoned professional, the emotional content of her songs filling our ears and our hearts.

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## REAL STORY

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Found in HIV-Detection Tests, I outlined there is a high degree of inaccuracy in HIV detection tests in detecting antibody production (the result of HIV-exposure). "For one thing," Martin Delaney, director of the respected Project Inform in San Francisco, said, "Like measles or any other disease in which an immunity response is granted, you always carry those antibodies around with you — in most cases for a lifetime. Unless something is terribly wrong, of course. Does it make any sense that in one test you have demonstrated HIV-antibody production, and then turn right around and say in another no antibodies exist at all anymore?" Additionally, the follow up supposedly "confirmatory" test is the viral culture plate. However, these are

notoriously weak in "catching" and culturing viral growth. Fully half of all truly HIV-infected viral cultures show 'negative' (50 percent false negative).

### Any connection between a-INF and AIDS anyway?

Lastly, mention has to be made regarding the true potential effectiveness of alpha-Interferon (a-INF has been only shown to be of limited value in treating Kaposi's sarcoma (and some cases of "hairy cell" leukemia and genital warts). But since there has been some notable evidence recently that KS is not directly related to AIDS (HIV itself), but from some other, currently unknown pathogen, any direct connection between a drug whose demonstrated efficacy against solely KS, doesn't justify drawing larger conclusions about any specific anti-HIV activity.

As it is, current experiences with a-INF has produced mixed results. When given IV (the label

use against KS) it often causes severe adverse effects of extreme fatigue, fever, muscle aches and others. Granted, these reactions are considerably lessened when a-INF is taken in the oral form — but that dose is thousands of times smaller than given usually — and it is suspicious that it can still be as effective when given in that diluted form.

"It is not clear who can tolerate it (a-INF) or get benefit from it," said Larry Tate, HotLine Manager of Project Inform. "While it has benefited some people, some of the time, we don't have the vaguest idea who should be taking it for what!" An interesting aspect of the study was the increase in T-helper cells. This could be explained by all sorts of plausible reasons, none the least of which is the high fluctuating range of normal T-cell anyway. A working theory being discussed among my sources is the observation that a-INF temporarily

alters the T-cell helper: suppressor ratio. Instead of the normal 2 (helper)-to-1 (suppressor)-ratio, AIDS reverses these numbers. a-INF seems to temporarily suppress this occurrence, thereby creating an artificially high number of "T-cells." This would account for the clearing of reported symptoms, but indications are that it is only temporary in nature, and a-INF does not seem to affect the underlying disease pathology.

An "informal, observational" study in Los Angeles, as my sources have characterized it, seems to indicate that the less T-cells you have, the more poorly you tolerate the treatment and the less effective it appears to be (with a T-cell level of 200 seemingly being the threshold). Informal observations in other "underground" groups taking

oral a-INF indicate that they too experience a reduction of symptoms — but no remission is noted and symptoms reappear after discontinuance. Delaney of PI said, "Yeah, we at first thought it was quite misleading and didn't think highly of it at all. Then we saw some supposed demonstrated biological effect. But now that we have more closely looked at it again, we're back to regarding it as nothing more than a scam."

By the way, the chief U.S. sponsor and foremost advocate of Kemron treatments is a Joseph M. Cummins, Ph.D. He is a veterinarian in Texas, who is listed under Medline computer database, as being the author or co-author of 26 publications — none dealing directly with AIDS. He is also President of Amarillo Cell Culture — which holds exclusive worldwide rights to oral use.

Finally, as a representative from the San Francisco AIDS Foundation said, "...we don't know nearly enough about this to take a position ... What is usually said 'too good to be true' — usually is!"

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by John Batchelor  
OF MGW STAFF

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**JUNE** was our month to celebrate! It was sheer joy (literally) to see the thousands that showed for the **Lambda Freedom Fair**. Organizers can stand proud on a very successful event. The beautiful weather enhanced the freedom we shared in McKinley Park. Make a point to insist on that freedom and pride everywhere you go. ● **Sacramento** also made its presence known in the **San Francisco Parade**. More and more we are letting the city know just how much we have grown. We are quite diverse and unmistakably the capital city! ● **RCDC** proudly welcomed **Kim Mueller** to their San Francisco Parade contingent. This is the first time a Sacramento City Council member has participated in the parade. Thanks Kim and thanks to everyone who participated. ● An art show not to miss is **Angels in Whiteface** at the "Convent" Gallery in San Francisco. The benefit presentation features the **Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence**, a group that always raises eyebrows! Even if you don't usually attend art shows, see this one. The gallery is located at 65 Page Street (near Market Street). The show runs through July 15. ● One columnist who thrives on scandal is undoubtedly **Louella Parsons**. (Dan Palomino) Louella over at **The Latest Tragedy** (oops I mean **Issue**) is recognized more and more for complete fabrication. Yes, we did share the cabin of a 727 on the way to San Diego. It's obvious however that **Louella** flunked Airline Travel 101. Cocktails are never served before the plane leaves the ground. Knowing this I settled back into my seat and started to browse the **Wall Street Journal**. Louella on the other hand was a basket of nerves and begged our cute flight attendant for just one kamikaze. After Louella received a third "no," I decided to put my paper aside and hold her hand. From that point, the trip was a smooth one, in fact more than enjoyable. There's tons to tell but enacting my sense of better judgment I'll refrain ..... maybe. ● How great to see the **Sacramento News & Review's** "Amanda" column comment on the **Sacramento Union**. She addressed the same issue that **MGW** featured on its front page of late. The paper seems to avoid reporting on gays and AIDS. **The Union** also had quite a brouhaha over the movie **Longtime Companion**. ● And speaking of **Longtime Companion**, make a date at the Tower Theatre to see this movie. It is sensitive history in the making. There's no doubt that everyone can relate to some part (if not all) of the movie. ● July hosts a wealth of activities at area bars: "Ladies' Night" is back at Beau's on Fridays! Jo and Darnell are

hosts for the evening ..... **Faces** continues its shuttle service to **Faces/Stockton** on Saturdays. A recent trip was chaperoned by **Greg Newman** (not Paul) and the **Sacramento Baseball Team!** ..... The **Buffalo Club's** "Open Mic" nights on Mondays and Wednesdays are proving to be quite the sensation. Keep an eye on this bar ..... Another meeting place that is always changing and upgrading is **Joseph's Town & Country (JTC)**. The Lanai is open for brunch on Sundays, Western dancing happens on Wednesdays and tea dancing on Sundays ..... I ran

**Gathering** aka **Camp Camp-it-up!** I'm craving to go back for this event August 13-19. It's an experience that will renew your zest for life, all in a beautiful paradise. Call 1-800-367-8047, ext. 669 for more details. ● The current show at Theatre Rhino in San Francisco, **Dirty Dreams of a Clean Cut Kid** has been extended through July 15. This musical journey should tour the country! It's worth the drive. ● The **Healthy Living Series** continues at SAF with **HEALTHWATCH: Update on HIV Treatments** on July 16. The evening is hosted by a panel of



Cabaret act from Robby Becker's P.A.A.R.C. Times performance.  
Photo by Sherry Rogers

through the **Mercantile** and noticed that the advertisements for video movies have disappeared. At the same time, it was easy to notice the fun, early evening crowd ..... Another fun and congenial crowd is sure to be found at the **Attic Feed & Fuel** ..... The gang at the **Wreck Room** had a fun time of late at the **Mr. Summer Rubber Festival**. The highlight of the evening was a "full moon" contest. Participants, including yours truly, showed off their best "assets" to the admiring throng. My phone is still ringing ..... There still may be time to catch "Open Road" at the **Town House!** This fantastic group is presenting a benefit for the **SAGA Swim Team** on July 1. ● During the Flag Day celebrations, it was great to see **David McMurray** featured in a **Sacramento Bee** photograph. He and a small band of folks marched near the Capitol. ● The latest entries to the **Lambda Players** theatre season are **Louisa May Incest** and a lighter piece entitled **Souvenirs**. The shows run July 7-22 at the **Lambda Center**. Theatre seats are now on risers for improved viewing pleasure. ● Heading to the **Big Island of Hawaii**? Make plans for the **Hawaii Men's**

experts including **Nell Flynn, M.D.** ● Happy July birthday wishes to: **Patricia DiGiorgio, Judy Rieck, Charles (Chuck) Miller, Linda's Mom (Carol Hull)**. Belated birthday greetings to avid **MGW** reader **Eric Geiger**. This guy's memory is incredible. ● It's also important to note that **Ricardo** is now the official, **Mr. Summer Rubber**. Make sure he lives up to it guys. ● Our restaurant landscape is also changing. After 75 years, the **Rosemount Grill** building is now occupied by the **Andiamo Restaurant**. Early reports sound favorable. ● Making a big impression in the political community is **CAP/PAC**. The group's recent black tie fundraiser was highlighted by speaker **Bella Abzug**. Many in attendance shared the thrilling details of the evening with me. Apparently the only shortfalls were poor menu choices and a loud dance band. Let's top 500 next year! ● A stop at **Lioness Books** afforded me an incredible amount of information. The floor space has expanded. They are getting more and more lesbian and gay periodicals all the time (an entire section). In the center of the store, **Lioness** features the **Lambda Literary Awards**, the



The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence Photo courtesy of Covent Gallery

best of the year. A couple books that caught my eye were **Eighty-sixed** by David B. Feinberg and **Intricate Passions**, a collection of lesbian erotic short stories. **Lioness** also welcomes **Olga** aboard. She's in charge of planning even more events! ● A **Lesbian Mothers** group is forming for picnics, bike rides, swimming and fairs. For the next event or the latest "top secret" coffee klatch at **Java Cafe**, call 381-7301. This may be just the niche you are looking for. ● **River City MCC** is planning an all day **Lesbian Couple's Intensive** on July 7. One of the facilitators is **Rev. Freda Smith**. ● Happy 4th of July! Thanks for reading .....  
— John ■

## Contributors sought for Latino anthology

Author **Michael Nava**, whose mystery **Goldenboy** won two **Lambda Literary Awards** last year, is seeking submissions for a new short story anthology to be published by **Alyson Publications**. Nava, who has edited a collection of gay mysteries for **Alyson**, will be working to give a voice to a group that has long been overlooked in the gay community — **Latino lesbians and gay men**.

Inquiries and submissions, accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope, may be sent no later than September 1, 1990, to: **Michael Nava, 7985 Santa Monica Blvd., #109365, West Hollywood, CA 90046.** ■

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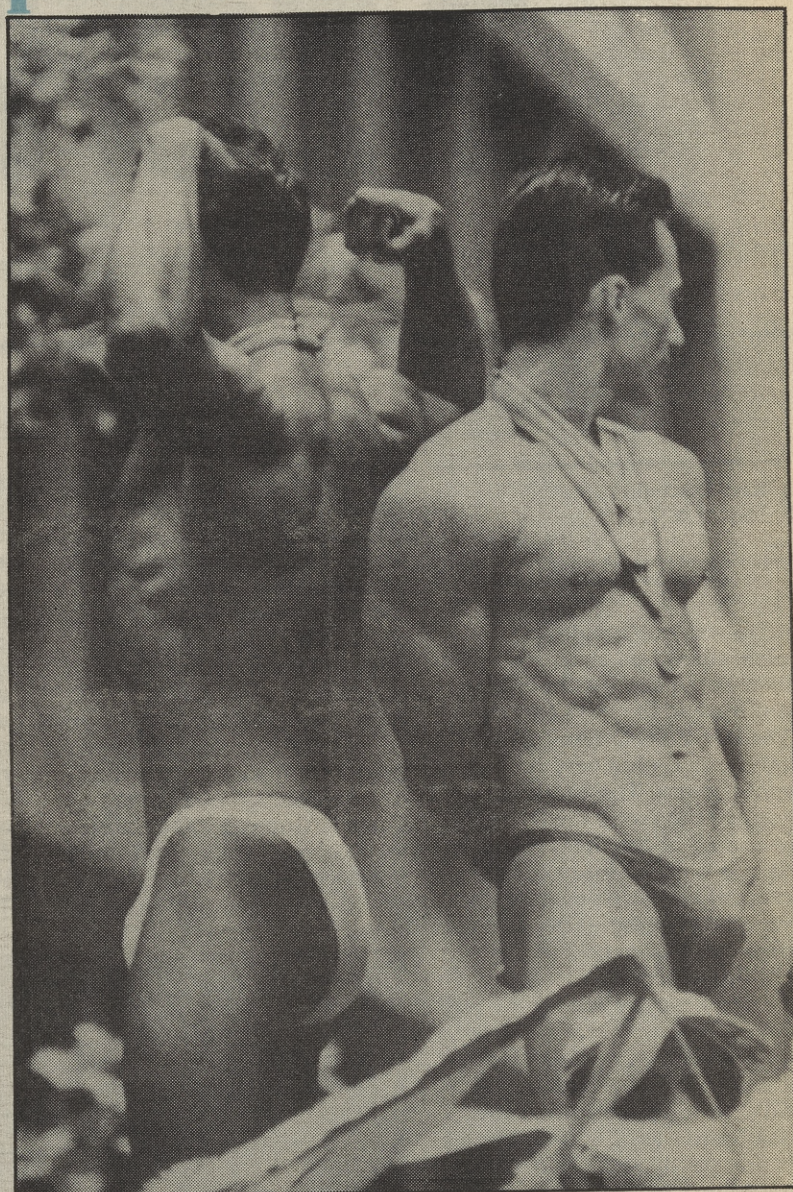
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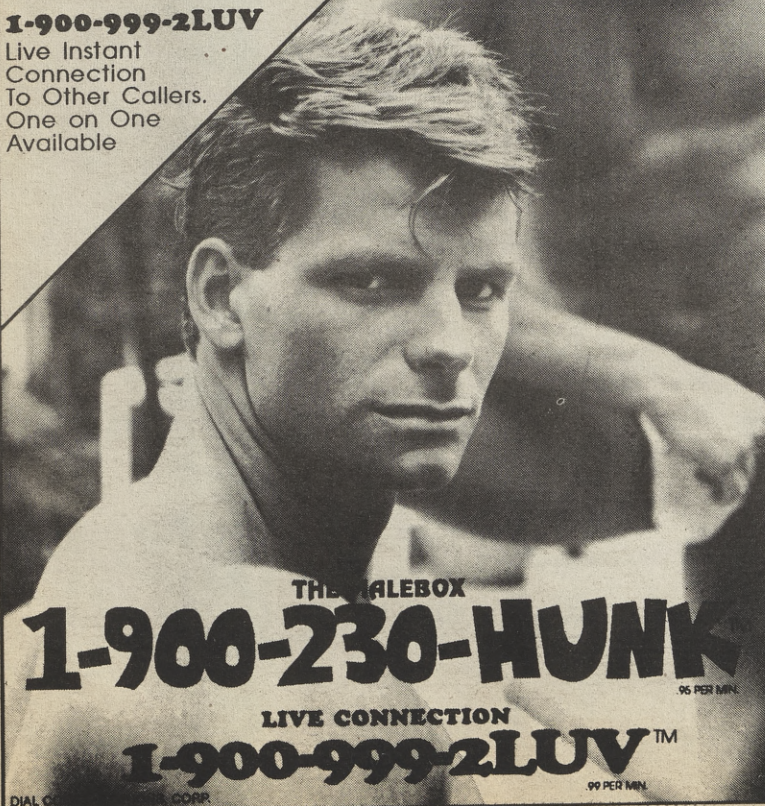
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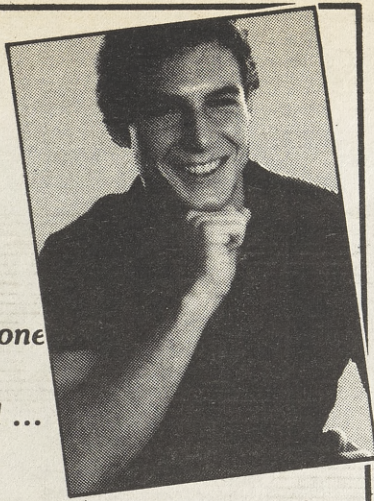
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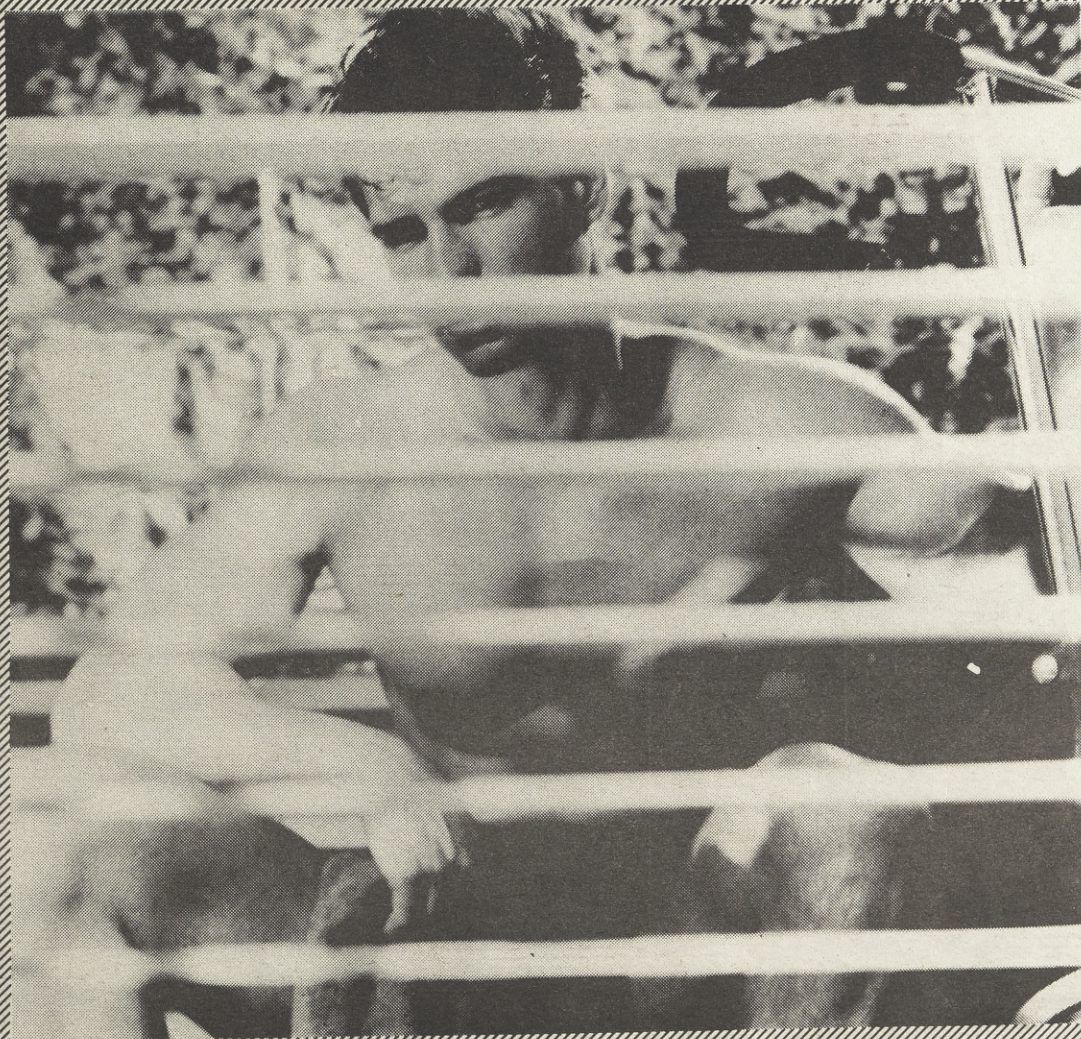
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• **MGW NEWSPAPER**—1725 L St., 95814.  
441-NEWS (9-5, weekdays).  
• **PSSN NEWSLETTER**—Box 189306, 95818.  
Arturo Jackson, 447-5925.  
• **BEING GAY TODAY**—Channel 47. M 10pm, T 5pm, W noon.

## Miscellaneous

• **AIDS FOUNDATION**—1900 K St., Suite 201.  
AIDS info, referrals, education, counseling.  
448-AIDS.  
• **AL-ANON GAY FOCUS-OPEN MEETINGS**  
Sunday, 6:30-8:30pm, Unitarian Church, 2425  
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Steve S. 443-6332.  
Wednesday, 6-7:30pm, MCC, 2741 34th St.,  
Claudia 441-6227.  
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Park Group, Room A. Tues 8pm. 601 Alhambra  
Blvd. 454-1100.  
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8pm; Sun, 6pm - Men's and 8pm.  
• **BARBARY COAST BOATING CLUB**—Sac  
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(415) 255-1049 or (916) 972-9317.  
• **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**—For  
parents and adult siblings of persons who have  
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• **CAPITAL CITY SQUARE DANCE**  
CLUB—Beginners: Tue., 6:30-8pm., William  
Land School, 12th and V St. Plus 8-9:30pm,  
George Fox 447-2271.  
• **DISCOVER SACRAMENTO HOTLINE**  
—449-5566.  
• **FLAGS**—the Foothill Lesbian and Gay Socie-  
ty, monthly potluck 2nd Saturday of each month.  
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• **N.O.W.**—Third Wed each month, 7-9pm, Col-  
oma Center, 601 Alhambra Blvd. Free childcare.  
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• **NUDE EXCHANGE (NTE)**, Box 1624, No.  
Hinds, 95660  
• **OUTDOOR ADVENTURES**—of Sac., Monthly  
potluck/meeting. 1st Wed. Stan 441-3285  
• **PARENTS & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS &**  
**GAYS**—555 Vallombrosa, #73, Chico. 3rd Sun.,  
1pm. 891-5718.  
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**GAYS**—St. Marks United Methodist Church,  
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• **PRIME 8's**—Advanced Square Dancing Club.  
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**MITTEE**—(CAPPAC/Demo/Rep.) 1008 10th St.  
#255, 95814, 736-2722.  
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Log Cabin, John Madriz 368-0341.  
• **HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**—2131  
Capitol Ave., Suite 206, 95816. 4th Wed.,  
6:30pm, City Hall 444-6903.  
• **LOBBY FOR INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM &**  
**EQUALITY**—(LIFE) Rand Martin, 926 J St.  
#1020, 95814.  
• **RIVER CITY DEMOCRATIC CLUB**—Box  
161958, 95816. 3rd Mon., Lambda Center, 1931  
L St.  
• **LAMBDA LAW ASSOCIATION**—McGeorge  
School of Law, 3200 5th Ave., 95817.

## Religion

• **AFFIRMATION**—United Methodists for Les-  
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• **CONFERENCE FOR CATHOLIC LES-**  
**BIANS**—meets 1st Sat. evening. Kathleen  
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• **CONGREGATION SHA'AR ZAHAV**—220  
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861-6932.  
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• **LUTHERANS CONCERNED/SA**—4th Sun.  
Kevin S. Braaten-Moen, 739-0607  
• **UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF**  
**SACRAMENTO**—Gay and Lesbian Support  
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• **S.D.A.**—Box 3840, Los Angeles, 90078. (213)  
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Chico, 95926.  
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95819. Thu. 8-9:30pm, Gwyn 485-4531.  
• **BISEXUALS, GAYS & LESBIANS AT**  
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3rd Weds. 7-8pm., rap group 8:15. Events tape  
753-2090.  
• **DELTA LAMBDA PHI**—(National Social Frater-  
nity) CSUS, Box 188483, 95818-9998, Steven  
451-9829.

## Women

• **ALTERNATIVE CONNECTION FOR WOMEN**  
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• **CAMPING WOMEN**—Sac Chapter, Gail  
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• **CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY CENTER FOR**  
**WOMEN & THEIR FAMILIES**—448-2951.  
• **CSUS WOMEN'S CENTER**—6000 'J' St.,  
95819. 278-7388.  
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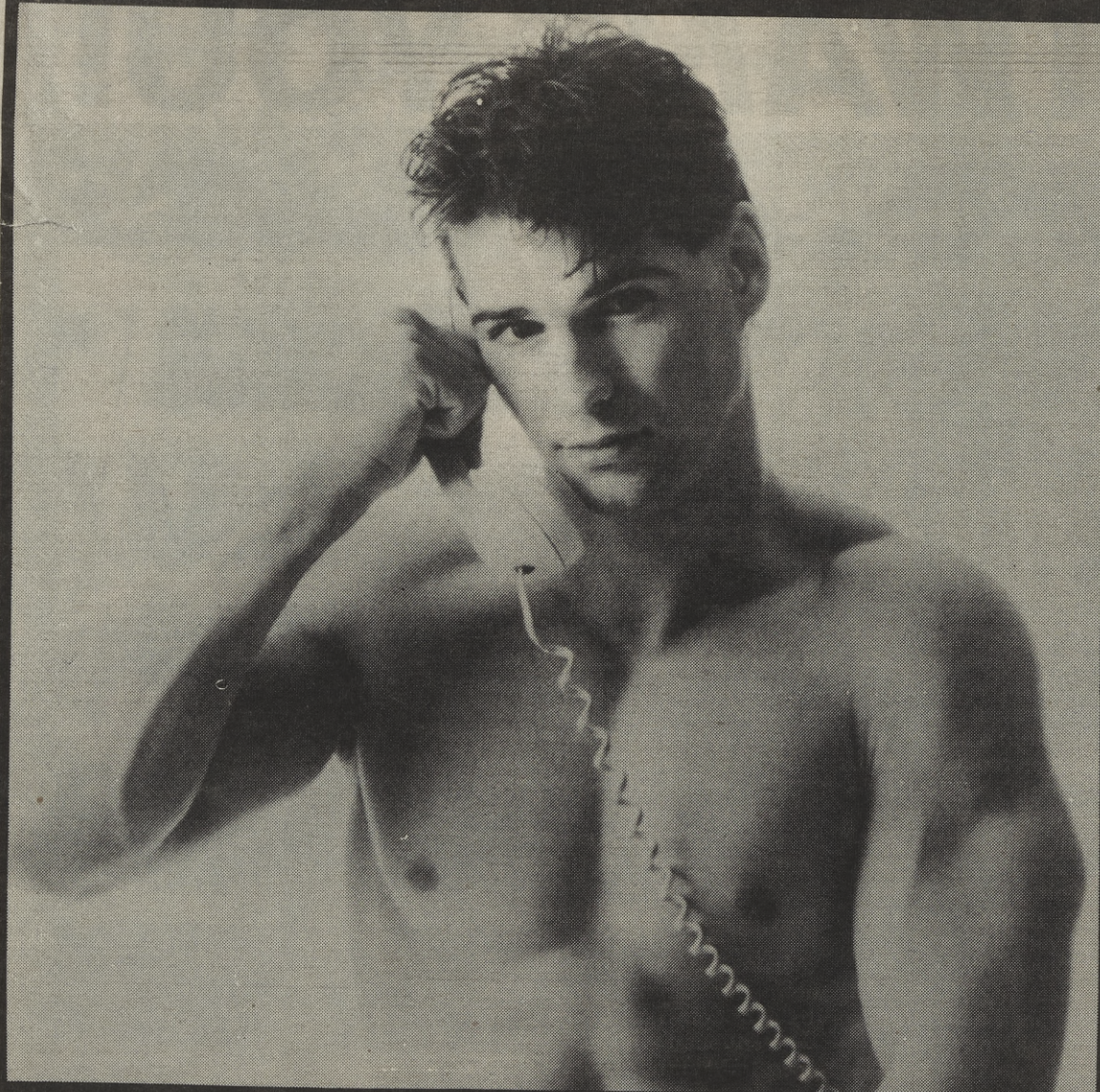
• **LESBIAN RIGHTS PROJECT**—1370 Mission  
St., SF 94103. Public interest law firm.  
• **NAT'L. ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN**—Box  
1404, 95807, 442-3414.  
• **NOW LESBIAN RIGHTS TASK FORCE**  
—331-5036, Kay, Lorraine.  
• **SAC PULSE**—Women's Card Group, Gloria  
368-1051  
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**WORK**—Meetings 3rd Fri. 6:30-9:30, 486-8985  
• **SAC TRADESWOMEN**—Supportive network  
of women in non-traditional work. Meets 2nd Fri.,  
456-5555.  
• **SAC WOMEN'S CENTER**—2306 J St., #200.  
441-4207.  
• **SAC WOMEN'S CHORUS**—Mon. 6:30-9pm,  
Martie, 1-756-5658, 1-753-6022.  
• **SOLANO COUNTY GAY INFO**  
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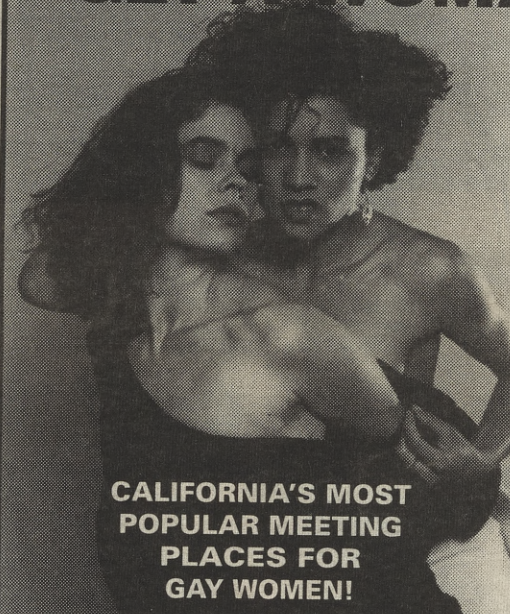
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